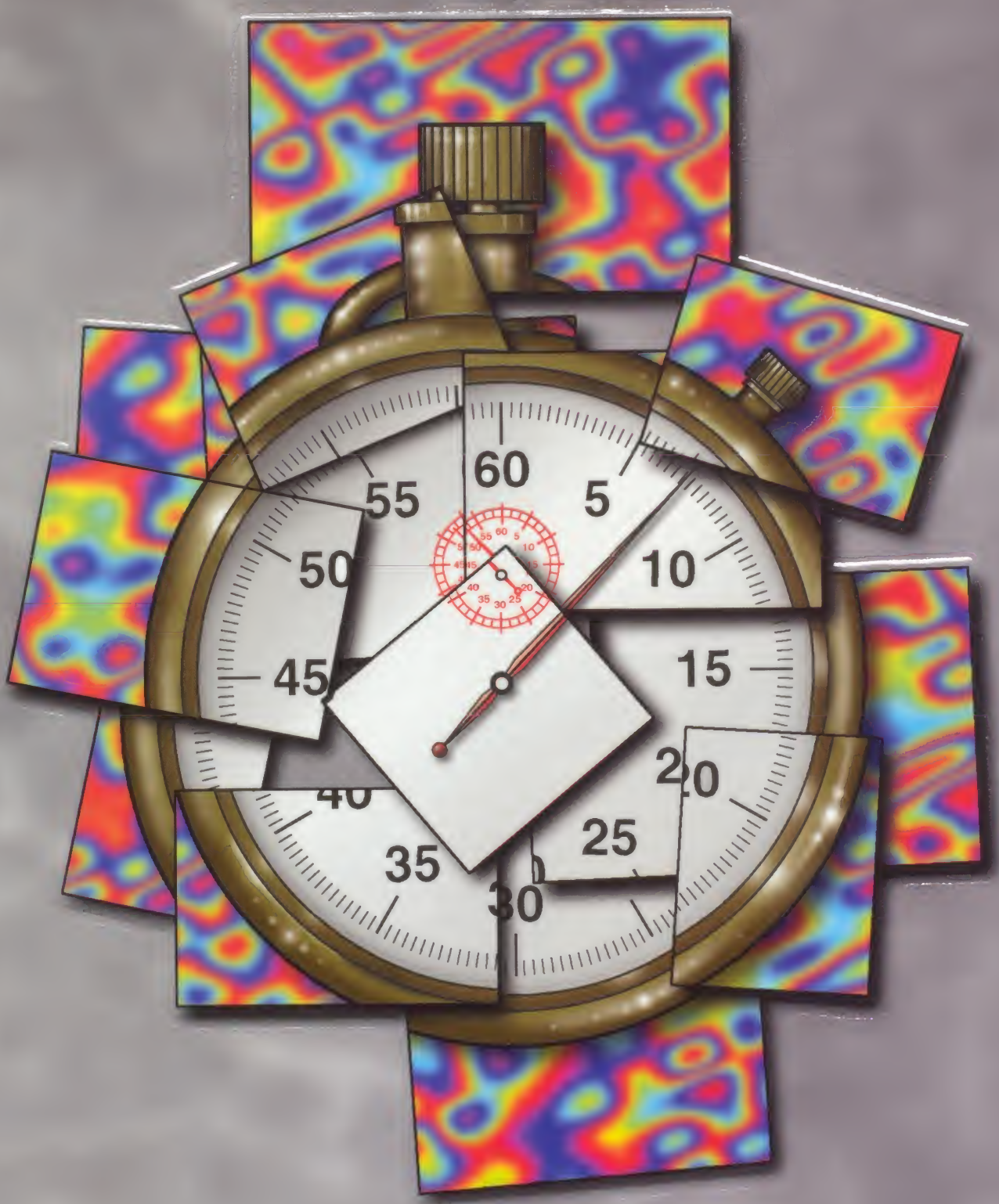

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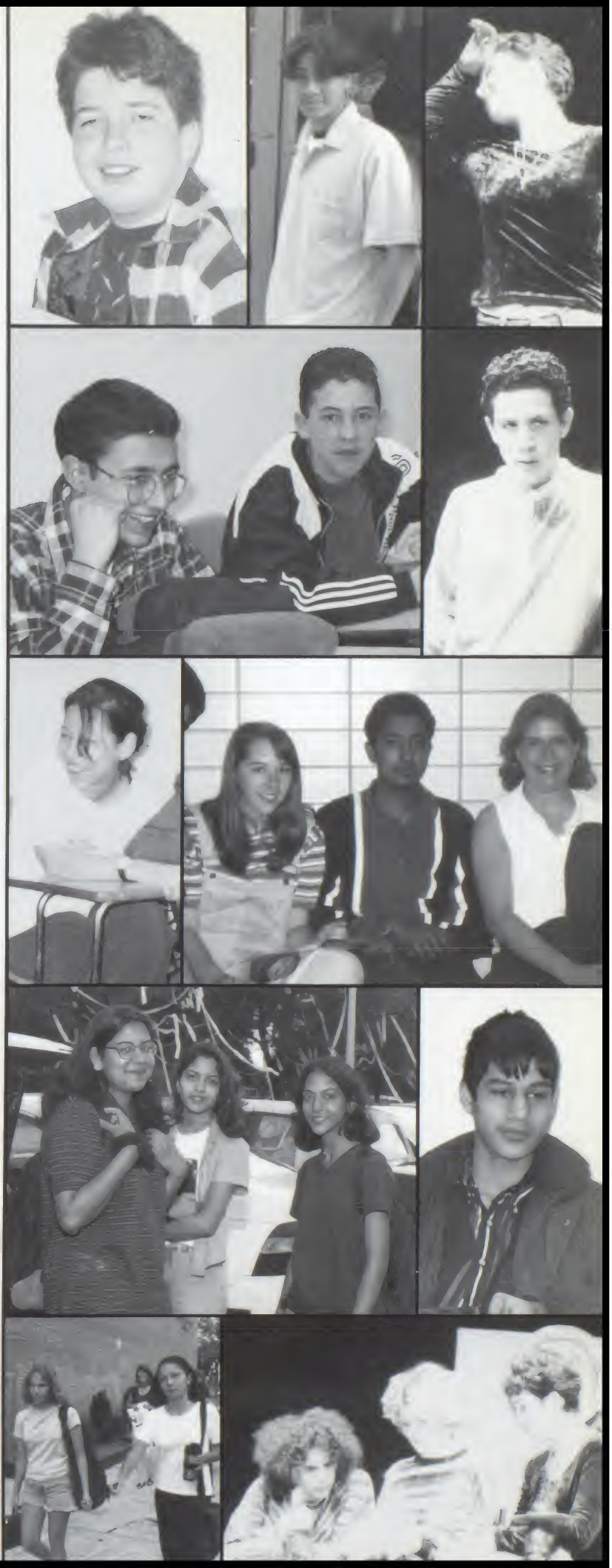

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Mission...

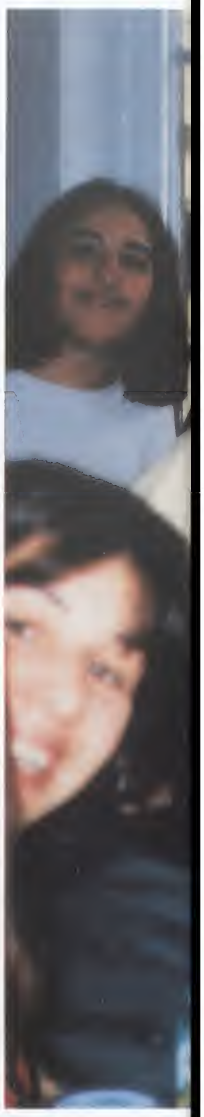
A mission. What could it possibly be? For some, walking down the aisle dolled up in a cap and gown and a diploma in one hand is the accomplishment. For others, gaining sophomore standing in college is the feat. For the remainder of students, participating in as many sports or gaining popularity is the goal. All these desires are personal; only the student can determine her own mission in high school.

However, we can never forget we are all in this together. For four years, more than two thousand of us live and breathe the same air. We fight, we laugh, we sweat through the last summer months together, we lose, and we triumph. We are, in our own right, a thriving community. Therefore, we must take our individual missions and piece them together throughout our years here. Beginning with freshman year, every student tries and eventually finds her niche. Whether it is academic, social, or athletic, every student holds a piece of the puzzle that will eventually determine the fate of his entire class.

Our mission, as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, is to make sure the puzzle gets pieced together properly and respectfully. And only then can we declare OUR mission... accomplished.

by Reni Kim

Hello.
On her first day of school, senior Chrissy Johnston takes a big step off the bus and onto the colorful sidewalk.



Lets Boogey.
At the annual Mixer, sophomore Jane Shoe tries to get her friends in the dancing groove. This event is one of the few at which any freshman or sophomore can attend without the pressures of finding a date or buying a dress.

Here we go again.
With the sun just barely peeking over the trees and the colored chalk swarmed all over the sidewalk, students definitely know that it must be the first day of school. Having to wake up at the crack of dawn is one of the most cruel adjustments

Be happy.
Hanging out in the most popular spot in school - our infamous cafe - Jones, Luke Presley, Laura King, and Christina Bones enjoy a nice group hug... well, sort of.

Our hero.
Tennis superstar senior Simone Kung teams up with senior Christina Moen for this fabulous photo opportunity. Kung is no stranger to photos, but she's ususally in a cute tennis outfit.

Hello?
In another hard day in rehearsal, Bill Mertes and Billy Budd practice communicating on the set of Bell, Book, and Candle.

Flight 864, you're clear for landing. *Senior Jerome Jovero looks striking as he guides marching band through a perfomance. The band, one of the highest ranked in the state, traveled to Hollywood.*

We're not in Kansas anymore. *Members of the choir escort their award-winning Homecoming float down Oakton Street. Who would've thought singers could be such good carpenters!*

West people are happy people! *Sophomore Tamara Beitzel decides that if she can't hide from the camera, she may as well smile. maybe the sophomore homeroom volleyball games really made her day.*

Accomplished

Ok, right now you're probably looking through our fabulous book, oohing and ahhing over the beautiful pictures, and the elegant graphics, and all you can think is "Huh?" What in the world is "Check in with the Captain" or "Prepare for Training" supposed to mean? Well, if you looked at the cover (which I'm sure you did), you know that the theme is "Our Mission". Now, as the story on page 2 told you, everyone has their own mission, their own goal. Well, whatever your mission, there are certain things you need to do to accomplish your goal. The mini-themes (titles of the different sections for all you non-yearbook people) relate the sort of steps detectives might go through to solve a case and complete their mission. You must also go through these steps to solve the puzzle and figure out the book's mystery. Throughout the book, pictures have been broken up like puzzle pieces. As you proceed through the sections, you will notice that the pieces keep getting put together a little bit more. In the end, you'll find a finished puzzle.

by Heidi Eichler

Make yourself comfortable.
Senior Marina Pergament takes time to rest (and take a picture) in between classes. After four years of hard work, the chance to just lounge around is very welcome.

What a stud.
Showing off his fashion savvy, junior Chris Albrecht flashes his smiley face tie at the Homecoming Dance. Albrecht complimented this tie with his Joe Boxers, too.

Go away now please.
Senior Heather Moorehouse is less than pleased to have her photo taken at the Homecoming game. Come on, if you don't pose, there'll be nothing but blank spaces in the book.

STUDENT LIFE

Go Undercover

You know what your fellow students do in school, but what about their private lives? What are they carrying to set off those metal detectors at the airport? How did they mourn for the lack of school during the strike? What's lurking in the deep dark corners of their cars? Go undercover and discover something you never knew.

Quality time.
Senior Reni Kim and her sister Elsie (a West alum,) stop and share a Kodak moment during a family vacation to Mackinac Island. When our dear editor Reni manages to leave yearbook behind, she actually is a very lovable person.

Look behind you.
Senior Kara Kezios makes a new friend while visiting Tufts University in Massachusetts.

Breathtaking.
Senior Mike Savchenko takes a moment to contemplate the awe-inspiring beauty of nature while on a recent trip to Colorado. Savchenko, an excellent student, was ranked high in the senior class.

Row, row, row, your boat.
During a trip to Florida, senior Erin Nelson works out her arms by canoeing. See if you can find Nelson elsewhere in this section. (HINT: She's feeling sort of broken up.)

Bon Voyage

Going on vacation can be quite an experience. Whether it's with family or friends, something memorable usually happens.

Everyone's heard stories about lost luggage and plane delays, but some pretty unique things can happen when taking a vacation. On the way to a plane terminal, senior Judy Leavitt was shocked when a stranger bumped into her. With his head hanging low, he uttered a simple apology. When Leavitt looked at his face, she exclaimed "Oh my God! You're Donny Osmond!" He admitted it and explained that he was on his way home to visit his family. What a great way to begin a vacation!

Sometimes, getting through security can be a problem. While going through the metal detectors at O'Hare Airport, senior Jenny Rinkor was pulled aside and asked to empty her pockets. "They didn't want to let me go through because the buckles on my overalls were metal. I even had to demonstrate how they worked," explained Rinkor. Such new security measures can cause many problems before embarking on a trip.

On occasion, returning home can be just as interesting as the trip. Senior George Anastasiadis found himself in the middle of a party while on his way back from Greece. "It was so weird. The plane was just a big party." Maybe the passengers didn't really want their vacation to end!

Road trips can also cause aggravation. Imagine learning that, after an entire day of driving, the trip was just a complete circle. That happened to sinior Tammy Hrajnoha while en route to St. Louis who said, "we must have made a wrong turn somewhere. I'm never taking a road trip again."

In spite of all the surprises, vacations are a great way to break free from the daily routine. Just remember, always be ready for whatever might arise, and, whether sitting on a beach in Mexico or waiting in line at Great America, always have fun.

by Christine Cosmos

Who turned everything upside-down?
Sisters Jackie and Caroline Plett try to get all their blood to their brains so they can finish their homework. Actually, they're just hanging around (or would they be hanging down?) with their cousins during a visit to Arizona.

Fall Break

Two weeks to hang out with friends, sleep late, and catch up on the soaps. Two weeks to worry about missing application deadlines, fall behind in A.P. classes, and miss meets. Whether the teachers' strike in October was a good thing or a bad thing definitely depends on your perspective and your priorities.

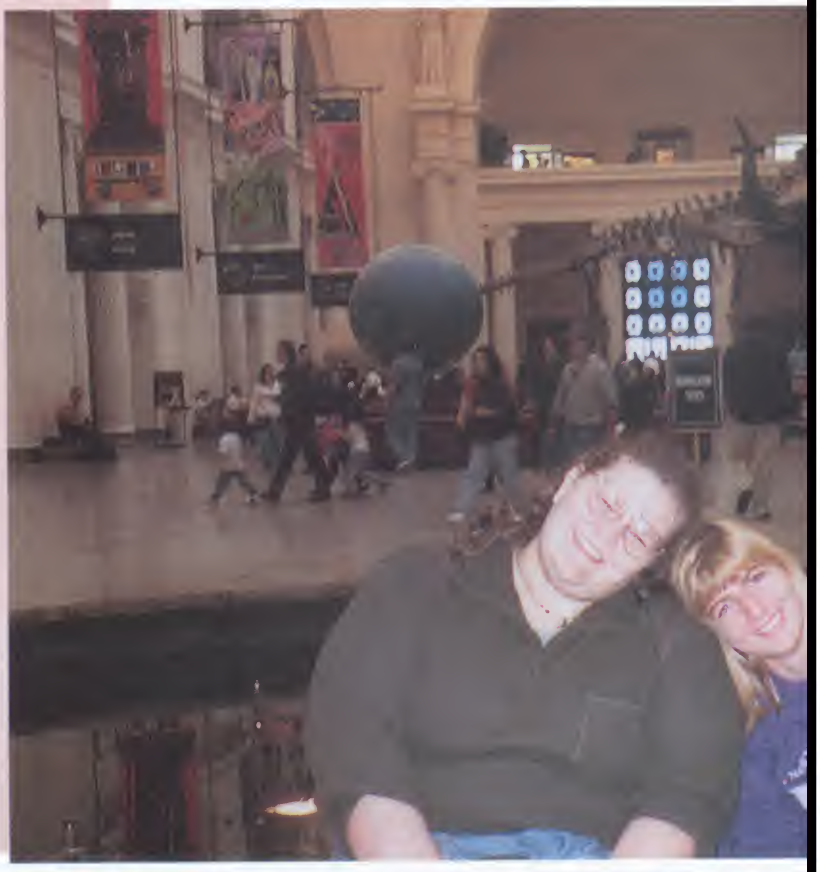
Lots of students viewed the strike as a gook thing, a time to put in some extra hours at work. Senior Jane VanderMolen used "fall break" as an opportunity to return to the job she loves. "I work at a school for mentally handicapped children. I love it there and I always hate it when I have to leave my kids. The strike gave me a chance to seee them again." Otherrs also worked at home on college applications and homework dring the strike.

So, people had a chance to get some extra work done. The strike was a good thing, right? Not really. Junior Chrystyna Kouros said, "I didn't think there was anything good about it (the strike.)" Kouros missed two national debate tournaments in Texas and Michigan due to school being closed.

For the most part people agreed with Kouros. All areas of school life were afffected , and returning to school was tough. In addition to having to get back into a routine, many teachers heaped on homework the first day to make up for lost time. So, all in all, "Fall Break" was more of a pain than anything. Still, would anyone really volunteer to give up those eleven days of extra sleep?

by Heidi Eichler

Picnic time. *Staff members gather under the refreshment tent during the strike.*



What's up with Luke and Laura? *Senior Rehana Patel uses the break from school to catch up on her soap operas. Patel, along with Isaac Feder, Nick Dallas, and Hitesh Mehta, was a National Honor Society officer.*

What do we want?
Signs set up along Oakton keep passersby informed about the progress of the strike.

A new discipline device?
Senior Kristen Caruso checks out an astrolab while visiting the Planetarium.

Soap Suds

One of the most popular activities students did during the strike was to catch up on their favorite soaps. This is what happened in the four top-rated soap operas during the weeks from Oct. 14-25.

Young and the Restless
-Nikki's cyst disappeared after her marraige to Josh.
-Victoria kissed Ryan.
-Dru turned down her modeling opportunity because of Neil.. then she took the job anyway.
-Jill and John divorced.

Days of Our Lives
-Bo schemed to get Franco into a police lineup.
-Kristen asked Stephano to help her pull off her fake pregnancy.
-Sami did everything to avoid an anullment in her marraige to Austin.
-Jennifer discovered the truth about Peter.

Bold and the Beautiful
-Sly stopped Jessica from reporting to the police that he was her rapist by holding her hostage at the Bikini.
-When Dylan came to the rescue. a fire ignited.
-Ridge fired Grant.
-Brooke tried to make things better with Ridge after he proposed to Taylor.

General Hospital
-Bobbie discovered Tony and Carly in bed together.
-Felicia dropped the charges on Kevin.
-Brenda gave Ned news about the birth of his baby girl - Brook Lynn.
-Jax offered Brenda a grand wedding.

Friends make learning fun.
Seniors Nicole Corrigan and Heidi Eichler enjoy some bonding time while at the Field Museum. Who says that learning is just for the classroom?

Boy, they sure start young!
English teacher and yearbook adviser Michele Lewis brings her daughter Abbie with her on the picket line. Who knows, maybe this will be the start of a long protest career for little Abbie.

Aminals.
Cuddling her lovable bear, senior Nicole Corrigan helps her friend wave to the camara while inside FAO Shwarz.

Have you had your break today?
Juniors Gina Villamil and Linda Lee have an energizing luncheon in the "Orchard".

Time to make the coffee.
Wha-la perfection! Cranking out those mochas and expressos, seniors Barbara Samuelson and Sofia Javed demonstrate proper techniques for scooping, grinding, and pouring.

Accessorize.
Choosing the right jewelry, purse, or hair scrunchee can add a unique look to any outfit. Frequented by many students, Claire's Boutique offers free ear piercing as well as a wide variety of earrings and accessories.

$Money$

These boots are made for walking. *At the mall shoes lined up as far as the eye can see. Every pair calls out as if waiting especially for me.*

What do students do after a long, hard day at school? Along with hanging out, watching TV, and talking on the phone, going to the mall is a major pastime. Students can be spotted waiting in line for a movie at the Gardens, working, or buying some new threads. Ever since Old Orchard was remodeled, it has become a major happenin' place. But Old Orchard's not the only place we flock to. Students can be spotted at other local malls: Lincolnwood Town Center and Golf Mill.

There are a wide variety of stores for students to work at in the mall. Seniors Barbara Samuelson and Sofia Javed of Old Orchard's Gloria Jean's had something to say. Samuelson's long experience at the cafe seemed to be paying off. "It's hard working in a place where the people are more demanding than the job," she said.

Javed had a more intellectual take on work. "Good coffee is an art. It's very educational. There's so much more to plain coffee..." She was definitely enjoying her first day on the job. When asked about the type of crowd Gloria Jean's attracts, Javed simply smiled and said, "Nice fun people that like coffee."

Another place you can run into students is at Nordstrom's where seniors Amanda Erickson and Renee Base work in the shoe department. Among one of the many job requirements for fancy stores like Nordstrom's is nice apparel. Erickson likes the job because of it's "...good pay, flexible hours, and good people that I can have fun with and respect." Taking on a job is no easy task - especially those who have to juggle other responsibilities, like Erickson and Base who are also on the gymnastics team. "It's hard; you need time management to balance it all. To keep up your grades and enough hours to make good money. I'm doing pretty good though," said Erickson.

Weekends are the best time to hit the mall. Students can stay late at places like Barnes & Noble and have some coffee late at night to keep them up while working with their study groups. Don't think work is the only reason that attracts students to malls. So, whether you're there to shop , work, or relax, the mall is a great location.

by Ashley Khatkate and Liz Wozniczka

There they are. *Charging the massive display of* Cliff's Notes, *seniors Stacey Heileg and Michele Hahn find that the editions for* Crime and Punishment *and* Oedipus *are missing. Hmmm. I wonder why. After all, these were the books assigned in most senior English courses in the fall.*

Interior

Boys and girls are very different - obviously. However, a lot of the differences are due to old stereotypes that were established way back when Bob Dole was two years old. Girls are supposed to like cooking and cleaning; boys are supposed to like playing sports and bringing out the garbage. Now, things have balanced out a bit. Girls aren't so tidy anymore, and boys are a bit more hygiene conscious.

The inside of students' precious cars is a good indication on their habits. Yes, cars are simply a mode of transportation and many think the outside is the most important part. However, men and women alike were driving the same kinds of cars from the very beginning. There was no distinction between a male's car and a female's car. Therefore, you must look inside a car to find all the goodies.

Nowadays, you are likely to discover empty Starbucks coffee cups tossed around, beanie babies on the dashboard, or a nice box of Kleenex on the seat for precautionary measures. But don't be fooled. A tissue box doesn't mean a girl owns the car. There are many guys out there who care deeply about the internal welfare of their cars - and I don't mean the engine. Have times really changed? You be the judge.

by Reni Kim

King me.
The homecoming king and queen have disappeared! No, not really. This car just displays reminents of lunch at Burger King.

Bats, balls, and gloves, oh my!
Baseball-adoring senior Jason Angellili discovers more than he bargained for in his car. Now, is Angellili's trunk normally that messy or did he plant that baseball equipment?

News anchor.
West Word *junior reporter Huma Ansari investigates the best escapes from junior year pressures inside the trunk of her car.*

Shuttle service?
Enclosed in a heap of jackets and books, junior Maher Faunorkey rubs circulation back into his right leg.

Relaxing on their way to a concert, juniors Jon Govis, Roxanne Cabading, and Lila Padiernos decide to take every advantage their cozy limousine has to offer.

I was supposed to turn where?
Aguing about which road to take, juniors Faisal Tariq and Hugo Osorio ponder the issue stopped at a red light. Who was supposed to bring the map?

Look.
Displaying his Motorola, junior Sonny Corinthos happily shares the 0-7-7-3-4 (HELLO) from his pal.

Oh my!
While finishes his math homework, P.J. Reed is surprised by a little tingle. Actually, it was his pager notifying him of a call.

What We Pay

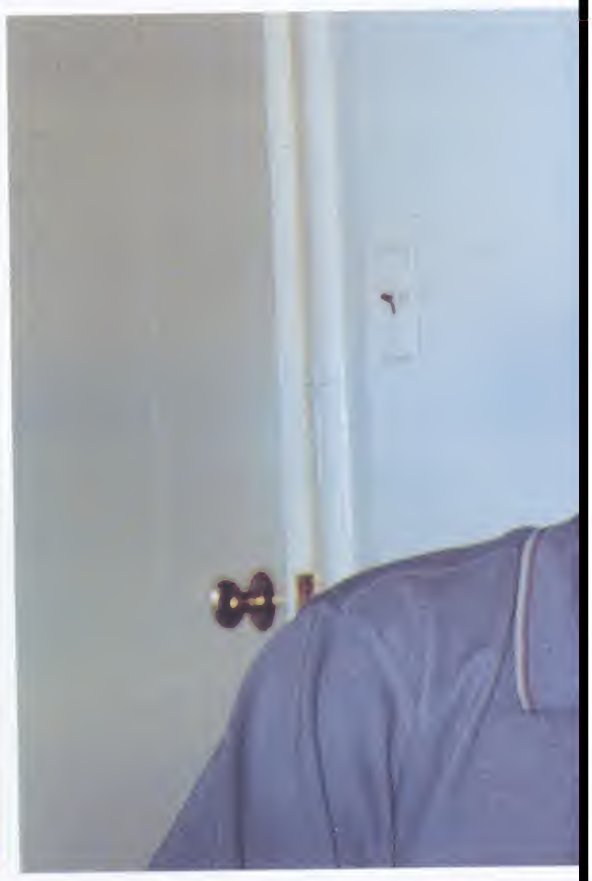
Beepers, beepers. They all seem the same. Because every pager functions more or less the same way, here's some information on some of the differences between your local pager shops.

Beep-Beep Communications
*Beeper, activation, first month free, voice mail...$61.54
*Monthly rates including voice mail and regular paging.....$7.30

Becker Beepers
*Pager, activation for first three months, voice mail $44.95
*Monthly rates $16.95

Kemper Communications
*Pager, activation, voice mail, regular paging.....$59.00
*Monthly rates $8.75

Motorola Communications
*Pager, activation for three months $67.45
*Monthly rate $7.50



Just hanging.
Sporting a new look, senior Jax Jacks clips on his "earrings." As you can see, pagers aren't only used for relaying messages

It's Puff.
Here's security guard James Puff and his trusty pager. No, Puff isn't part of our student life, but we couldn't resist.

Beep

I love it.
Senior Lucy Parreno is so proud of her pager that she displays it proudly on... her forehead.

Communication. The most essential aspect to human relations. To share experiences with others is part of the joy in living. When one receives good news, he wants to share it with his best friend immediately. Thanks to modern technology, his best friend is literally only a heartbeat away.

In the nineteenth century, a girl would have to hop on a horse and ride a mile to tell her best friend the good news that... Bobby likes her. Now, getting in touch with anyone is a mere beeper number away. Phones have even proved to be inconvenioent for many because there's always the possibility that the person isn't at home. To take away that anxiety, the technology gods invented a little machine that beeps (or vibrates) whenever a person is wanted. Or, if the news is so urgent that the car ride there seems to be taking forever, a person can dial up on his portable cellular phone. If Alexander Graham Bell was thought to have made a technological break through, beepers and cell phones have destroyed most remaining communication barriers.

Considering many exciting events happen in teenagers' lives, pagers have become a near necessity. Many students like to always have their friends accessible to them, and by way of beepers, this is possible, if the beep-ee wishes to phone back. Junior Andrew Dahan found it very convenient to know what was going on with his friends during the summer. "My friends would go out in the afternoon, and since I was in summer school during that time, it was good that I got paged a lot by them telling me where we could meet."

Beepers have become very trendy in the past year or so. A new owner has a lot of beeper lingo he should learn before being able to understand the obscure messages left on his portable machine. For instance, 143 stands for I Love You and 119 means there's no emergency, but A.S.A.P.

One question remains. Is actual human contact ever going to be necessary in the near future? This is something to ponder upon during those long classes that never seem to end.

Tough guys.
Looking downright sullen, seniors Mike and Nick Cimmarusti discover a unique spot to hold their pagers. By attaching their pagers onto their heads, is it possible that these twins can communicate telepathically?

SPECIAL EVENTS

Scope Out the Main Event

Sure, the main purpose of school is education, but there are so many other things to do. Go to a play, scream yourself hoarse at a pep assembly, or groove to tunes at a concert. Check out all the special events and see what makes them such a major part of school life.

The Best.
Filipino club members cheer as their award-winning float proves that there is no competition. "Strolling Through Bedtime Stories" was the theme of the parade, as the Winnie the Pooh decor might suggest.

The other Halloween.
Showing Serbian pride and school spirit, Freshmen Diana Maric and Lisa Hastings smile for the camera before the start of the parade. Many different sports, clubs, and activites participated in the event.

Ready with roses.
Members of the varsity soccer team wait to meet their spirit sisters during the pep assembly. Members of the football and soccer teams were surprised with gifts throughout the week by unknown cheerleaders and pommers to pump them up for their big games.

Left, right, left, right, left.
Freshman Steven Hedquist plays his drum while marching in the parade. Governor Edgar honored the marching band as the Ambassadors of Good Will before their trip to Hollywood to march in the Walt Disney

strollin' along Storytime

Once upon a time, in a land called Skokie, there was a high school filled with many students that yearned for excitement. By preparing all week with the Powder Puff game, Spirit brothers, and Spirit Week, the students waited with anticipation for the Grand Ball.

It was Friday October 11, the day before the ball, and the gym was filled with sounds of laughter and cheers as the Homecoming pep assembly began. Volleyball, swimming, soccer, and the football teams were just some of the many sports that participated in the affair. With the help of the varsity cheerleading squad and Pom Pon, the school was psyched for the big game at 7:30 against the evil villians from the land called Waukegan. After the assembly, anxious students rushed outside to take a "Stroll Through Bed Time Stories." King Jason Abbey and his Queen Ticha Maleegrai led the parade into town. The winner of the best float went to the Filipino Club.

With a great deal of patience, the day that everyone longed for finally came. The ball took place in the school's main gymnasium which was decorated according to the theme "Castle on a Cloud." It was a magical looking ballroom, with a big castle and stars all around. Couples of all sorts of glamour waited in line patiently for their portrait to be taken. After pictures, they marched into the main floor to dance the night away. Finally, the ballroom dancers tired of the music and left the ball by 10:30 to continue their celebration elsewhere. Then, they all lived happily ever after!

by Jill Pasia

Leading the pack. *Seniors Ticha Maleegrai and Jason Abbey are beaming after being crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Winning these crowns was no small feat. Maleegrai and Abbey needed the majority of votes from the entire student body, not just the senior class.*

Nightmares

Before the dance, there are many preparations needed to make homecoming night perfect. For many girls especially, this glamorous night means many hours of primping and pampering. Thus, girls go into the night with great expectations. However, their fantasies don't always face up to reality and many end the night with disappointment. Here are some of the many homecoming nightmares students have experienced.

"My date made me take off my shoes once we got to the dance because he was shorter than me."
Stephanie Anton '99

"My date told all his friends that he spent so much money on me and that I didn't even give him a good night kiss."
Debbie Rosenfeld '98

"My group left me and my date after the dance and we didn't know where the restaurant was. We ended up at a gas station somewhere in the city where we almost got jumped by a gang."
Meghan Lichter '98

"Our dates wouldn't dance with us!!"
Jamie Kane '98
Kathy Litwin '97

"My date stood me up two hours before the dance!"
Tiffany Kane '99

by Jill Pasia

ahhhhhhhh

Clunk Clank Crunch.
Members of the varsity team block their opponents as they try to catch the ball. The banging of the helmets at this instant were audible, which shows how tough our guys really are. Our opponents for this special night were the bulldogs from Waukegan.

How do they do that?
Spirited cheerleaders perfect the art of the pose and balance during a half time routine. The varsity cheerleaders worked many hours to create a great homecoming dance.

Ohhh, so sorry
Quarterback Dan DePaolis looks to find an open player before being tackled by his opponent. He. along with Mike and Nick Cimmarusti and Brad Alpert, were voted captains for the varsity team.

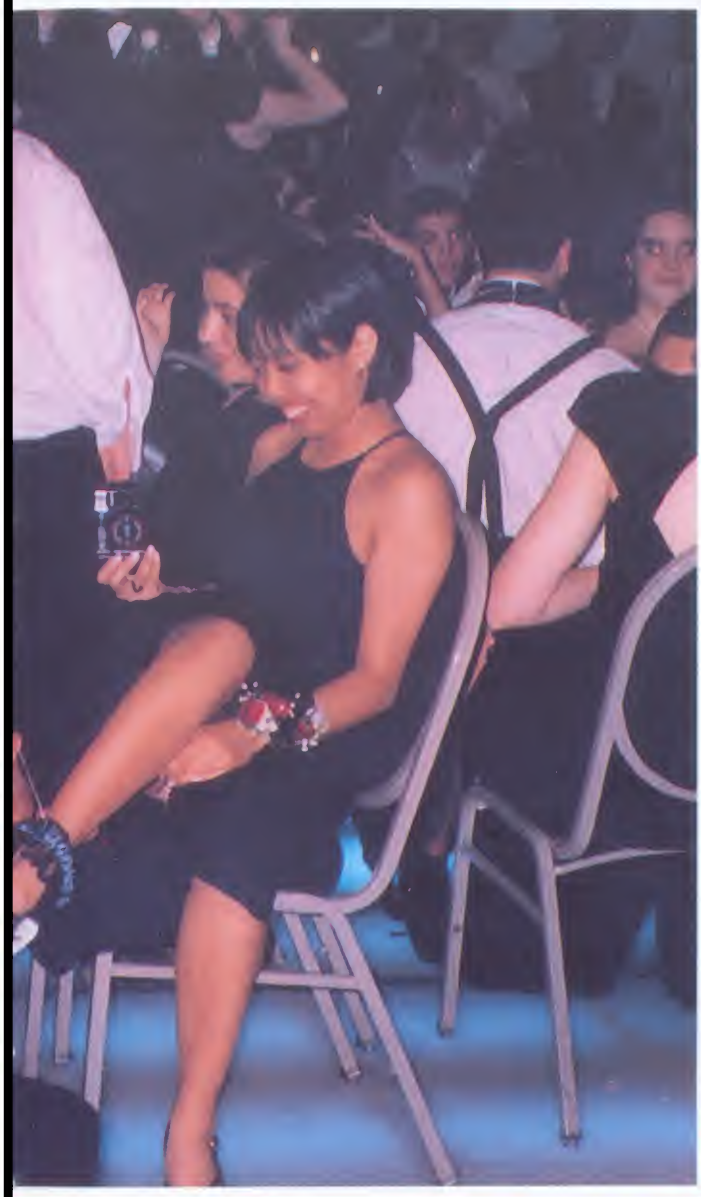
Kick the ball here
Pommers also act as goal posts at the homecoming football game. Actually, they're performing another one of their dance routines. Senior captains were Lucy Parreno and Chrissy Maghopoy and the junior captain was Elena Boodris.

Bow Down
Seniors Bobby Mendoza and Mike Cimmarusti "take a knee" in between plays. This was the final year that they would have the joy of playing football, so they decided to take time to enjoy a nice little moment.

Garter time.
"I'm too sexy for my garter, too sexy for my garter, too sexy it hurts," sings graduate Madonna Balard. "I'll take care of that!" exclaims her date, graduate Rambod Syedfard.

Ohmigod.
Graduate Valerie Dorizas exclaims this universal phrase as she and her date, Brian Shoen, are declared Prom King and Queen. If you are admiring this dress, you're out of luck because it is a Dorizas original.

I feel good.
Mr. Shades isn't shy about displaying his fine shades in a fairly dark ball room. The night looks promising already for date, Michelle Mechanic.



a last dance Memories

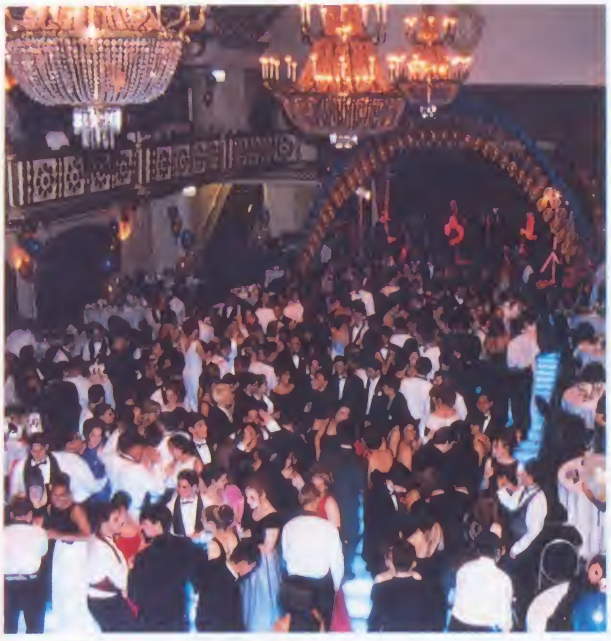
Prom night. Possibly the most memorable night of your high school career. The theme, "There Are Places I'll Remember," was very appropriate. Prom is the "last dance" for seniors, so the evening gave many seniors a chance to reminisce about the old days. Therefore, the rest of us don't really know exactly what the dance was like since we couldn't attend. So instead of going through how important and sentimental prom was for those graduates, I'm going to take all of you who haven't experienced prom yet on a tour of the little details that usually go unnoticed. This way, you can be prepared for next year. Practical, huh?

To begin the evening, couples came to the Knickerbocker Hotel. Once they arrived in limousines, the couples waited to see where they were to be seated and waited for their other friends to arrive. While entering the ballroom, the live band played the last tunes when the dance neared the end.

In the middle of the evening dinner was served. First the appetizer, included hot rolls and a salad. Then the bar was opened, of course there was no liquor, just fountain drinks. Third, they brought the main course which was a breast of chicken venetian, which included a baked potato with other sorts of vegetables. Finally, the best moment came when the desert table opened where people could make their own sundaes.

To end the evening, many danced on the glowing dance floor and waited for the crowning of the king and queen. Would it be Shana Quinn and Brett McGovern, Lainie Manta and Steve Brown, or Valerie Dorizas and Brian Shoen? There was a drum roll and Brian Shoen and Valerie Dorizas were announced Prom King and Queen. Balloons came flying down and the music resumed. That was the end of prom... until next year.

by Beverly Aprieto



Glamour.
Showing their moves at the glamorous Knickerbocker Hotel, seniors and juniors make it a memorable night. Admiring the view of happy and dancing graduates, some couples chose to take in the view the balcony had to offer.

Working the grind

"I hear America singing." This was only one of the many great musical selections that audience members got to enjoy after the curtain went up on Pow Wow, the student-produced, spring musical. After a lot of hard work, the wonderful production crew and eighteen person cast brought "Working" to life.

The play tells the story of everyday people and their jobs, which they don't really like, but which still have to be done. Although this may make it seem like the play was just one big complaining session, the comedic undertones and snazzy musical numbers brought an uplifting tone to the show. In fact, the 70's style music had such a great beat that, along with the cast, some members of the crew were dancing away in the booth.

While everyone had their own favorite song, speech, or character, one character that the whole audience really enjoyed was Jacob Goldsmith's hippie-gone-wrong, Charlie. Some of Charlie's lines were really funny, cracking up the cast, the crew, and the audience. "I loved it when he said 'Screw you!'", said senior Jenny Landis.

In the grand finale, "Something to Point to", the cast acknowledged the fact that things aren't really so bad, just as long as accomplishments get recognized every once in a while. Hmm, kinda sounds like school, huh?

by Beth Dobrowolski

Oh yeah, she likes me.
Graduate Shayna Quinn and Senior Ben Schneider interact with each other during a scene from "Working". Quinn was once a member of the infamous yearbook staff. (Schneider wasn't, in case you're wondering.)

What'd I do???
Junior Becky Adleman gives a construction worker, senior Alan Lewis, a hard time while he's "working".

Makin' the sparks fly.
Senior Beth Dobrowolski, decked out in full welder's garb, belts out a number. Dobrowolski also participated in another musical-"Chicago".

Ten Items or less.
Seniors Kate Alpert and Jenny Spear play a grocery store customer and checker, respectively, in the Pow Wow. In addition to the store, parts of the show took place in an office, a school, and at a construction site.

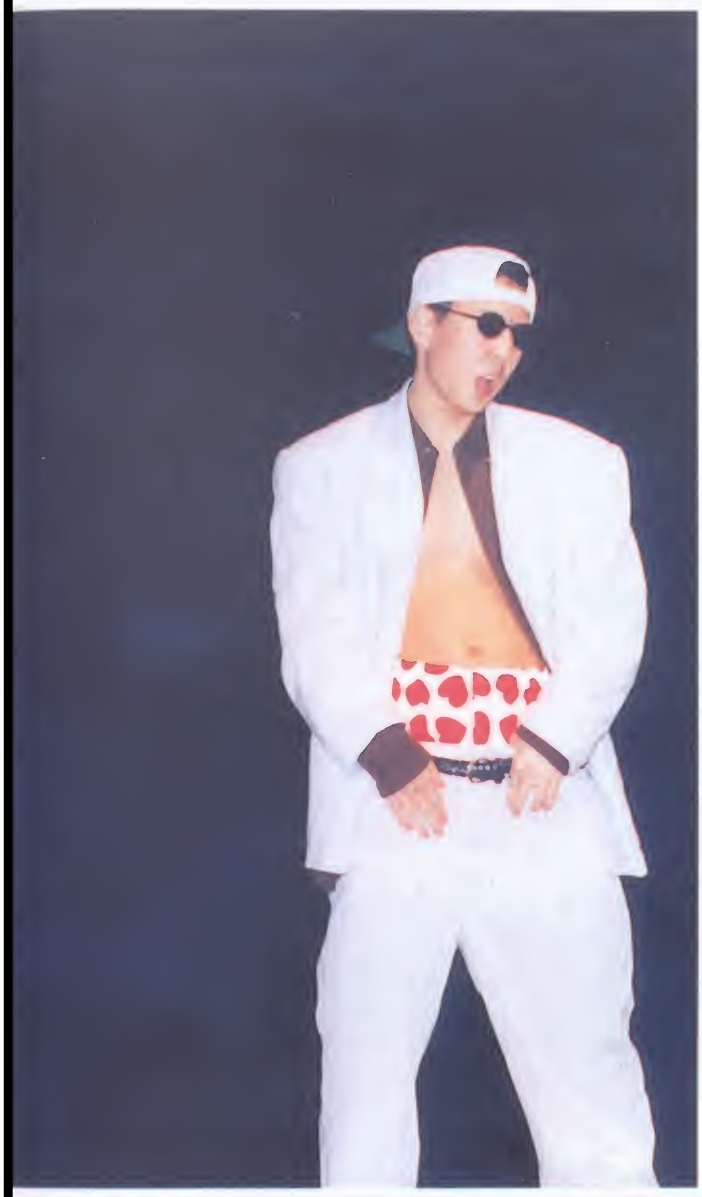
Extra! Extra!
Junior Carris Costa distributes her papers during the musical. Costa was also part of the crew for the fall play "The Bad Seed".

I see London,
I see France. I see Dan Cho's underpants! Steve Joung, Dan Flood, and Dan Cho perform their rendition of Jodeci.

Makin' sweet lemons.
Auditions for Blind Melon's "No Rain" II? Apparently sophomore Janice Ahn thinks so.

All together now.
Lip Sync contestants gather on stage at the end of the show to hear the names of the winners. Lip sync was a great way to spend an evening watching students sing, dance, and make fools out of themselves in front of their parents and friends!

Talk to the hand.
Lip syncers Jane Doe and Shana Quinn strut their stuff on stage.



pucker up

Lipstick

Are you blessed with a less than perfect singing voice? If so, the lip sync contest is for you. You sing and dance to the tunes of your favorite artists without saying a word. Last year's Lip Sync contest, sponsored by the Sophomore Cabinet, featured such acts as Jodeci, Blind Melon, Onyx, and Paula Abdul. They performed in front of a packed auditorium who cheered on their efforts. First place went to graduates Steve Brown, Brett McGovern, Erik Carlsen, and Co. for their rendition of the Brady Bunch. The evening was filled with comical acts and well choreographed dance numbers. Senior Sanela Cobalovic said, "It was really fun to see people dressed in such creative costumes, it took a lot of guts to wear some of those outfits!"

Sponsored by the sophomore cabinet, Lip Sync contest is a great oppotunity to watch friends showcase their talents. All proceeds went to the sophomore cabinet fund to pay for prom. Lip Sync contest is a night that promises a night of laughter and entertainment.

by June Park

Baby Got Back... and front.
Fat Albert wannabes Brad Alper, Tom Kasalo, Nick Cimmarusti and Bobby Mendoza show off their love handles and love bottoms.

Dancin' to the beat

Once the curtains rose, the Orchesis Dance Company "Kept on Dancing" for an hour of entertainment and fun. Approximately twenty dances, which were divided into two acts, were performed every night for three days. There were a variety of dances ranging from the Broadway song "Le Jazz Hot" to a mix from *Phantom of the Opera* to Charlie Chaplin's "Doop." One of the audiences' favorite was "Army Anthem," a dance choreographed by seniors Evelyn Rice and Inna Burdein to Michael Jackson's "They Don't Really Care About Us."

The Orchesis and Orchettes members worked and practiced long hours after school and Saturday mornings to put forth a great show. The Orchesis Dance Company, which is sponsored by Ron Culver, consists of fifty five girls: thirty five Orchesis and twenty Orchettes members. The talent and creativity shown by thises girls is amazing. Sophomore Claudia Mitria said, "Orchesis gives you a chance to enhance your dancing and choreography skills. It's also a great way to meet people. I had a great time!"

by Lucy Parreno

Abracadabra. *Dressed in 60's outfits, junior Elena Boodris and senior Sandy Pool execute their dance moves. Both girls were also members of the pom pon squad.*

Boot camp.
Senior Inna Burdein and graduate Nikki Pasia dance to Michael Jackson. "Army Anthem" was a funk dance choreographed by senior Evelyn Rice and Burdein.

It's a fact, ar...ans.
Dressed as a man, senior Paula Pisani adds a little humor to one of her numbers. Pisani has been involved in Orchesis since her freshman year.

Shhh.
"It's Oh so Quiet" by singer Bjork was a playful dance set in a town street. The dance was choreographed in a story telling manner by graduate Nikki Pasia.

...p top hat.
...ey, it's Charlie ...haplin! Doop... no it's ...t, it's senior Chrissy ...aghopoy dancing to ...ne of Chaplin's ...vorite numbers. ...aghopoy also took ...e role as vice ...esident of the ...rchesis dance ...mpany.

Piccolo, banjo... I don't know.
After all those PA announcements, math teacher Robert Nortillo shows off some more of his creativity. Nortillo, English teacher Paul Wack, AVE specialist Joe Brennan, and senior Ben Saltz closed the show with a tune thanking everybody for coming.

Sam I am.
Intently fingering the notes on his guitar, the "Cat in the Hat," senior Dr. Seuss contributes the melody. Yearbook advisor Michele Lewis would love this masterpiece on top of his head.

Digression.
Guitarists Alan Lewis and Matt Jeans accompany vocalists Rosie Chwal and Gina Zimmer in a 60's groove. Not only is Jeans gifted in music, but he also adds a visual talent to the West Word *with his cartoons.*

Beautiful.
Senior Ana Marchisotta sings a personal variation from an Alanis Morisette hit. Marchisotta's performance was gailed as one of the best.

Westock

a diverse show

The variety show began and ended in a big success. The show was a great opportunity for the student body as well as faculty members to display their artistic talents. Filled with bright lights, dance moves, songs, and dramatic scenes, the two hours flew by. There were many group performances including Diggity Dancers, and Universal Dance Troop as well as many solo acts. The music which accompanied the acts was as diverse as the performers. Piano, guitars, drums, basses, and electric pianos were all used to recreate songs by famous artists such as Prince, or is it formerly known as...

Those who did listen to the morning announcements know that the variety show was sponsored by Frisbee Club, pommers, and Sophomore Cabinet because of the outlandish skits presented on the PA by Nortillo and founder of Frisbee Club senior Isaac Feder.

by Nancy Han

Real drama.
Sophomore Veronika Vyazovsky portrays the agony of her character faced with the life altering decision of abortion. This act brought serious consciousness and issues affecting society to the show.

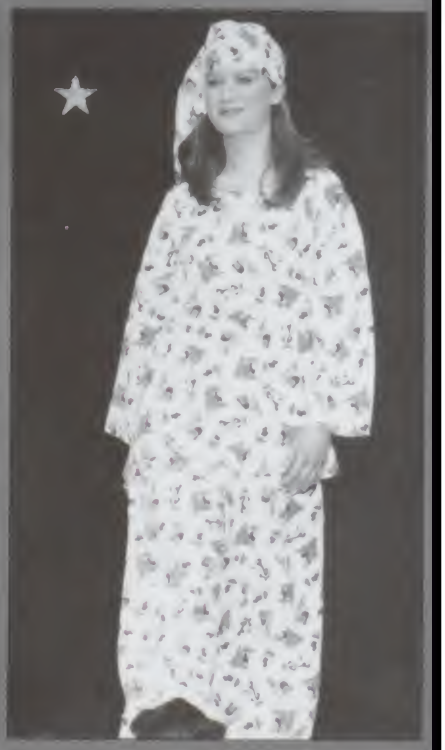
Spring into fashion

Every year the fashion workshop classes hold a fashion show in the auditorium. It gives fashion workshop students an opportunity to showcase their talents. Every piece of clothing was made and generally modeled by the students. Fashion workshop is open to all grade levels and to both girls and guys. Girls have shown more interest in the class, according to fashion workshop teacher Lisa Dunham. There are many perks to being in fashion workshop. You have the chance to learn how to sew and learn about...well, fashion. You also go on great field trips to the Water Tower and other shopping malls. Graduate Kim Minx enjoyed fashion workshop so much that she took it all four years.

Students agree that one of their favorite moments is being able to showcase their accomplishments in the annual fashion show. Clothes ranged from casual wear to Halloween costumes. Students work very hard on their creations in preparation for the fashion show. They sew their clothes months in advance and add the finishing touches before the big night. Not only do students design their outfits, they help design the sets also. Hard work does pay off in the end, however, when students can act as real models and walk down a runway platform to model their clothes. It is what many students look forward to. "Working on an actual fashion show was a good experience to show off our talents," says junior Becky Persino.

by June Park

Angelic.
Smiliing sweetly, junior Gina Mun sports a simple cardigan over her design. Many students combined their designs with clothes from their own closet.



Tyra Banks, who?
In true model fashion, graduates Christina Mourans and Katie Novello strut down the runway. They look as though they walked off the pages of YM.

Just clownin' around.
No, this isn't Bozo the clown, it's graduate Kim Minx and her Halloween costume. Minx went the original route and decided to design and make her own costume.

Too sexy for our hats.
With the help of her younger friends, junior Kayla Moskowitz shows off her unigue hats. This headgear's definitely styling.

Joe Boxer for me.
Junior Michelle Morgan models the lastest look in sleepwear. Not only are the cartoon PJs and cap comfortable, they're awfully cute.

Don't they look spiffy!
Seniors Nancy Lee and Kara Isaac perform a jazzy number with Expressions. Expressions has newly become the extra-curricular branch of the choral department.

The Seaweed is always greener.
As seniors Kerri Lin and Beth Dobrowski sing under the sea, it looks like they are getting ready for summer. It's only March but putting on hats and pool toys adds to the visual effects, which adds to the audience's enjoyment.

How Romantic!
Sophomore Stephanie Snyder along with the other orchestra members serenade members of the audience. Among the lucky were Dr. Stein and his wife. This technique is kind of romantic, don't you think?

Single Bow
Sophomore Jun Hee Choe enjoys playing her solo for all to hear. Solos add an extra special spice to all concerts.

R 'n slurp o c k

Ah 1 Ah 2 Ah 1,2,3,4. Pasta n' Pops is a huge event presented by the music department. If you think that this night is just some boring concert , well then you're WRONG! Pasta n' Pops consists of musical entertainment, raffles, and who could forget the wonderful pasta dinners. There is something for young as well as old at Pasta n' Pops.

Much preparation goes into this event. Selling tickets and preparing the endless pounds of noodles and countless trays of lasagna is no small task. Let's not forget all the time the students and directors put into trying to make the music perfect for the audience's enjoyment.

The night finally arrives and the contest gym is transformed into a huge mob of tables. Parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, and friends fill the chairs eagerly awaiting the performances. So if you're ready for an evening full of good food and sensational music stop on by to the next Pasta n' Pops. Hurry-tickets go fast. Hope to see you there!

by Kelly McBreen

Easy Guys.
As director Steve Katz softens the orchestra he hopes everyone is enjoying the meatballs and the mood the music creates. Pasta n" Pops is an evening that puts the music students in the spot light.

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a final farewell

As family and friends looked on, the class of 1996 bid their final farewell to Ni-We-Hi at 7:00 on Tuesday, June 4. The commencement ceremony, which took place at the Welsh Ryan Arena in Evanston, marked the final achievement of their high school careers.

The ceremony opened with the jazz band processional, Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem. After everyone was seated, numerous students and members of the faculty made speeches. Valedictorian Corey Bregman and salutorian George Skaria reflected on high school memories as well as plans and hopes for the future. Finally, clad in the traditional red and white gowns, the students were called one by one onto the stage and presented with their long-awaited diplomas.

After tossing their caps into the air, graduates celebrated with friends and family to mark a new beginning in their lives. As they spilled out into the night, members of the class of '96 were no longer high school seniors, they were college freshmen.

by Jill Pasia

I'm a big girl now. *Receiving her final honors from Dr. Stein, Joyce Chan savors her last moments as a little high school student. After shaking hands with Dr. Stein, little Chan grew to college-size, thanks to genetic alteration techniques she learned in her AP Biology class.*

Where's the beef?
After four years of hard work, graduates look at their diplomas, searching for an official seal on their high school career, only to find...a blank piece of paper. After the ceremony, graduates had to pick up their personalized diplomas.

Check 'em out.
Sitting as the class of '96 for the last time, graduates anxiously wait for their names to be called to receive their diplomas. Dressed in their red and white gowns, don't they look like a checkerboard?

It seemed like only yesterday...
Reminiscing about the years gone by, salutorian George Scaria says goodbye to his classmates. Scaris is studying at UIC in the guaranteed medical program to become a world-renowned physician.

Numero uno.
The most academically successful graduate, valedictorian Corey Bregman walks the final walk and talks the final talk with Dr. Stein. Bregman chose to further his brilliance at Northwestern University.

No pain, no gain!
Senior Bobby Mendoza, puts up his desired weight. With a facial expression like that, one wonders if all this bench pressing is really worth it.

Muscles, muscles, muscles!
Junior Ioan Brad prepares to lift what seems to be 225 lbs., but I may be wrong. Brad was the champion in his weight division.

The Incredible Alpo!
Senior Brad Alper puts up 275 lbs. during the bench press portion of the meet. Let's just hope that he doesn't drop all that weight on his chest!

And one, and two...
With a look of determination, junior Albert Goldstein accomplishes his bench press. A lot of sweat goes into preparing for this meet.

Go Muscles!

GRRRRHH!

The sounds of metal crashing against each other and the grunts of young men come out of the weight and fitness room. A little confused at what may be going on? Well, to answer your question, those awful loud noises would be the sounds of the "Power lifting meet". In this meet, the students of Niles West get an opportunity to show off their strength and muscles in three different competitions; the bench press, the squat, and the dead lift. The participants that took gold in the various weight classes were Brian Gitlin, who also broke the school records in the three competitions for the 118 weight class, Nick Chin, who broke the record for bench press for the 132 weight class, Ioan Brad, Al Goldstein, Dan Kim, John Kessel, and Brad Alper, who broke the school records for squat and dead lift in the heavy weight class. Silver and bronze medals were also awarded to the second and third place winners of each weight class. All the young men that participated in the power meet practiced long and hard for the prestige of being known as the "muscle men" of the school.

by Maria Trograncic

I think I can, I think I can...
Junior Sean Henrick is in the process of squating 250 lbs. Other students, like Henrick, can be found working out in the weight and fitness room after school.

Mixer

friendly fun

As the music started to play, freshmen and sophomores began to arrive at the annual Freshmen/ Sophomore Mixer on September 28 in the cafe. Freshmen went to the dance to meet some of the people that they'll be sharing the school with for the next four years. Sophomores went to the dance to unwind after the beginning of the school.

The DJ played many songs, which some students liked, and some didn't. Freshman AnnMarie Komorowski commented, "The songs completely sucked. There should have been more of a variety". In spite of complaints, though, almost everyone joined in for numbers such as "Macarena", "YMCA" by the Village People, and the electric slide.. Freshman Lauren Corday explained, "The people who wanted to dance, danced. Most of the guys just sat around".

So, did the dance accomplish its set task of helping freshmen meet new people? "I liked the dance. I made new freshmen friends," sophomore Josh Putt replied. What about helping sophomores and freshmen to get along better? Well, there were mostly lots of small groups, as opposed to just one big one, but some people mixed with members of another class. "I know I mixed with some sophomores and a lot of freshmen," said freshman Stephanie Burak. So, in spite of lots of cliques, some people did mix at the mixer, and lots of people had fun with their friends.

by Becky Lara

Say cheese.
A group of freshmen enjoy the music, food, and company at the dance. Actually, maybe they were just glad that they were at school for something other than classes.

Party On!
Sophomore Lisa Torres gets down with sophomore Jessica Perez and friends. Lisa gets some practice for Orchesis.

The men behind the music.
Who keeps the Mixer going? The DJs of course! Hip-hop jams were the music of choice for the crowd at this dance.

So photogenic.
A bunch of sophomore girls take a break from dancing to pose for a picture. For sophomores, the Mixer isn't as much about meeting people as it is about unwinding after the stressful start of school.

Party over here.
Gather around because these girls are having a blast at the annual Mixer. Sophomore cabinet sponsors the event each year.

N H S

passing the flame

Character, scholarship, leadership, and service. These are the qualities of a National Honor Society member. Students being considered for membership in NHS are first chosen on the basis of their academic achievements. They must then obtain recommendations from activity sponsors. Should a student pass all of the extensive levels of screening, they are then ready to be inducted into NHS at the ceremony before friends and family.

At the ceremony, which took place on November 14, nearly sixty members of the senior class donned their graduation gowns and recited a pledge, led by officer Isaac Feder, to uphold the standards of the NHS. The inductees also practiced their fire safety skills, trying to avoid sending the whole auditorium up in flames. (The inductees carried lit candles when they entered and exited the auditorium.) Along with the NHS pledge, everyone in the audience followed officer Hitesh Mehta's lead in the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance". Later, NHS members listened to reflections on their class on inductees by Gary Solomon, as well as speeches by Dr. Markavitch, Dr. Stein, and officer Nick Dallas. NHS members also received their offical NHS pin when they were called across the stage by officer Rehana Patel.

Following the ceremony, the new NHS members and their guests got to enjoy cookies, coffee, cake, and punch in the cafeteria, which, thanks to the inspired work of the reception committee, had been transformed into a wonderland of black, silver, and gold.

by Heidi Eichler

I pledge allegiance...
Dr. Markavitch, Dr. Stein, Gary Solomon, and three of the NHS officers stand for the "Pledge of Allegiance" at the start of the ceremony. Hitesh Mehta, the fourth officer, led everyone in the recitation from the nearby podium.

Steady.
Before moving down the aisle, Priti Patel receives the flame from Brian Varghese. For color contrast, girls wore white gowns and carried red candles. Whose stupid idea was it that the girls should wear white?

Fire is our friend.
NHS inductees grip their candles tightly as they wait for the rest of the inductees to take their places. Several years ago, before the future NHS members could be trusted not to torch the place, artificial candles were used in the ceremony.

Kudos to you.
Inductee Iavor Balabanov shakes hands with Dr. Markavitch as Dr.Stein looks on. In addition to meeting and greeting the administrators when their names were called, inductees also received their National Honor Society pin.

Shining brightly.
NHS inductees Marjana Marinac and Iulia Medvin wait for the signal to blow their candles out and take their seats. Many inductees couldn't wait to blow out their candles before they toppled over and started the "Great Skokie Fire".

Tolkien springs to life

On December 12, 13, and 14, the Niles West auditorium came alive as Childern's Theater put on the classic adventure story "The Hobbit". The hero Bilbo Baggins (played by junior David Persky) has been sent on a quest by Gandulf, a mystical wizard played by senior Chrissy Johnson. Bilbo must help get the jewels back to the dwarves, led by senior Ben Schneider as the head dwarf Thorin Oakenshield. Their treasure was stolen by the mean smoke-blowing dragon Smowg, (played by Matt Jeans). On the way to battle the dragon, Bilbo encounters many obstacles like witches who want to eat him, sea monsters with mind-boggling riddles, and much more. But in the end, Bilbo saves the day by defeating the dragon and returning the jewels.

After many long rehearsals and many late nights spent paper-macheing, painting and bringing the dragon to life, it all payed off. "The Hobbit " entertained many young and entranced kids during its three day run.

by Elizabeth Dobrowolski

Can you cook him?
Mag (Niki Suss) discusses the possibility of cooking up some hobbit stew (David Persky) with her fellow witch Pug (Melissa Venn).

Snacktime.
The witches, played by seniors Melissa Venn, Niki Suss, and Cindy Olsen (covering for the Tanya Semmons while she was ill), munch on some buffalo wings during a scene from "The Hobbit".

Deep Thoughts
Junior David Persky concentrates deeply while playing the lovable hobbit Bilbo Baggins. Bilbo's bravery saves the dwarves jewels and the day.

Returning the family jewels.
The grateful dwarves thank Bilbo for recapturing their precious jewels from the dragon Smowg. Crew member Christian Dethloff designed and carved the dragon's head from styrofoam.

Swamp Thing.
Freshman Adrienne Mackey plays a riddle-bearing Gollum in "The Hobbit". You can also check out Mackey in "Godspell" or "The Wonder Years"

Harry and Santa

One of the many popular assemblies is the annual holiday winter assembly. Many students feel it is something nice to wake up to opposed to the daily attendance of homeroom. It tends to get many students in the holiday spirit.

This year the Expressions choir performed a few jolly selections and the orchestra also contributed their melodious excellence. The assembly was started off with a dramatic selection by the marching band and color guard recapping their trip to Hollywood. The orchestra performed as well along with the school band and color guard.

As every year before they put on a grand show. The music department tried their best to get everyone's interest and involvement.

The orchestra played many festive songs along with some old favorites and some non-holiday related such as the Pink Panther theme song.

We look forward to next year to get into the holiday spirit and ready for break!

by Shannon Hardesty

Peak-A-Boo!
Senior Matt Terdich hides behind his instrument. He is one of the many members of the orchestra who tried to make the assembly great.

And the Orchestra played on.
With the very spirited decor outlining the stage, Steve Katz directs his orchestra during the holiday performance. The cellists directly to the right of the conductor are key to every orchestra in that they provide the harmony to the melody of the music.

Ready to Go
Standing proud, the Marching Band waits for their signal. The band traveled to Hollywood this year and was featured on T.V.

Deck the Halls
The Expressions choir sings some selections for their fellow students. The choir typically performs at the annual holiday assembly.

Getting in the Spirit
Senior Juliana Zusstone gets in the spirit at the assembly. Seniors seem so intently involved in the show.

Standing proud.
Junior Alissa Coiley recited a very moving poem called "Black Love" in honor of the African American heritage as well as in honor of King's birthday.

Asante.
This group performed this step dance which required much rhythm and coordination between the members. Their dance was a blend of traditional and modern music.

A musical celebration.
Cynthia Berry uses her voice to honor Martin Luther King Jr. in the assembly with true grace.

we have a Dream

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most important people of our time. On January 31, our school celebrated his birthday. The assembly was filled with music, dances, singers, and special moments dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr. 's great contributions. King taught the world to appreciate all cultures and undo racism. He believed in a world that would never bear anything but love. He desired that the future would one day hold his dreams of a colorblind society.

The assembly showed off many of the talented acts such as, the dance group "Asante", and the singing abilities of Dorianne Williams and Cynthia Berry. All in all, Martin Luther King Jr. was honored as a great, and courageous man. He inspired many people during his life, and he still inspires people today.

by Michelle del Pino

Altogether now. *Seniors Nicole Sutherland, Brett Strykowski, Kerri Lin, and junior Aviva Gibbs show off their gifted talents. The assembly featured many students to honor King.*

Colors of the World

Have you ever wondered how many different cultures roam our hallways? Various ethnic backgrounds make up our student body and all were brought together one special night to celebrate their cultural pride. On Tuesday, January 14 International Night was held in the auditorium.

Each of the clubs performed different types of dances. The Chinese and Thai club performed a spiritual dance, while their Korean friends displayed one of Korea's fan dances. The African American club Asante had their own idea of entertaning at International Night. Alyssa Coiley recited a Nikki Giovanni poem called "Black Love" with great charisma. While another Asante member, senior Dorianne Williams expressed her heritage through an emotional song.

Dressed in ethnic costumes, the Japanese club danced to one of their native songs. The Serbian club represented a folk dance "Sopko". Fashion was introduced to the audience by the Indo-Pak club. All the people who were involved in the fashion show were culturally dressed. Dancing the "Parrutte", the Romanian club showed their heritage. Lastly, but certainly not least, was the Assyrian club. They contributed by performing an Assyrian line dance.

All in all, International Night turned out to be fun and educational for everyone.

by Grishma Shah & Becky Lara

Ribbons. *Trying not to get all tangled up, members of the Chinese and Thai club perform the Ribbon dance. International Night gives students the chance to display their cultural background.*

Hamboks.
With elegance and beauty, members of the Korean club perform the traditional fan dance. Hamboks are dresses that represent the beauty of the Orient.

La, la, la.
Singing "He's Got the Whole World in his Hands", Asante member Dorianne Williams fills the auditorium with the sound of her voice. A song and a recited poem were performed by Asante.

123, 123, 123...
Assyrian club participated in International Night by performing a traditional line dance. Many clubs practiced many hours after school in order to make it a success.

Fashion.
Indo-Pak members Tina Thomas and Adeel Siddiqui show off their cultural fashion as they walk down the runway. The fashion show has always been a highlight of International Night.

Don't poke me!
Sophomore John Tolioupolous and Janice Ahn catch a short breath at the table after sweating on the dance floor. Couples danced so hard that even their boutineers began falling off.

Retro Flashback
Imee Fernandez, David Persky, Cathy Fedyukovich, Archy Janjun, Monica Maciel, and Rebecca Olsen along with two other dates decided to go with the retro look to the dance. The dance gives the couples a chance to show off their personal style and shock their dates with glamour.

Get down
Tony Ricotta, Marcus Kawakami, Adam Federman, Linda Szczepanski, Jamie and Tiffany Kane, Hoor Bhanpuri, and Edwin Vdovets pose for the camera as they dance and enjoy the magical evening. These junior couples smile for the camera and show off their dancing styles.

Smile, Cesar!
Sophomore Maria Oroc and junior Cesar Mullingbayan pose for a picture at three in the morning. The dance lasted throughout the whole night for many couples who attended.

Kiss from a rose

On February 14, the Student Union members stayed 'til midnight to transform our gym to an elegant ballroom. Even though it was Valentine's Day, the students worked their hardest to please all couples attending the dance. It was not Homecoming nor Prom, ... it was Turnabout!

The theme for Turnabout '97 was "Kiss From a Rose." Student Union chose a romantic theme because the dance was the day after Valentine's. A huge rose in a dome, almost nine feet high, was displayed in the middle of the dance floor. Each table had silver vases with red roses and three-foot Hershey Kisses floated along the floor. The DJ played great tunes along with romantic love songs. Before leaving, each couple was given a little glass vase to remember the memories.

The girls have been waiting for this moment to come. It was their turn to show the guys a great time and make the evening the best ever! It isn't traditional for a girl to ask a guy to a dance, but the boys, as well as the girls, loved it. Each girl wore a beautiful dress and showed her date the time of his life.

Many people wonder what couples do after dances, especially in the winter. "Our group had dinner at the Cheesecake Factory and afterwards, we went cosmic bowling. Many of my friends went to Second City (a comedy club) and to Maggiano's," described senior, Sandy Klein. Other couples went laser tagging at North Pier, saw a movie, or just partied at a friend's house.

Turnabout '97 was a great success and everyone who attended was happy with their decision. Many people liked the idea of having a dance after Valentine's Day, because it made the evening more romantic than ever.

by Marley Stolarska

Get a little closer!
Juniors Kathy Song and Steve Drebos smile for the camera as they cuddle up. The dance gave couples a chance to cuddle up and feel each other's closeness.

Mmmgood

Has the cafeteria suddenly gone gourmet? Sorry! The beautiful sight of gourmet looking pies can be attributed to our very own "chefs-in-training" from the home economics department.

The yearly Cherry Pie Contest took place on February 19 in the cafeteria. Dozens of students baked cherry pies to perfection and anxiously waited for the ratings of their creations.

This year's judges included Dr. Roger Stein, administrative secretary Patricia Harn, home economics instructor Lisa Dunham and two local gourmet chefs. Around the judging table, a crowd of mouth-watering students viewed the judging process. It consisted not only of taste, but also of appearance.

Winners included home economics students Vesna Kljajic and Wendy O'Kane. Second place winner Heather Moorehouse stated, "It was so much fun and we even got to miss classes to participate. I loved it!"

Although the contest ranks each student, it is done purely for sport and fun. Who knows, one of our very own "Cherry Piers" could be a famous chef one day.

by Christine Cosmos

just like mama's

What do you think?
Home economics teacher Lisa Dunham and secretary Patricia Harn discuss the appearance of the different pies. The pies were so appetizing that they could have been sold in a bakery.

Just a taste.
In mid-bite, Dr. Stein talks with a fellow judge. Each of the judges donated a few hours of their time to help out.

Make sure you slice evenly!
A few volunteers carefully slice each of the pies. Each of the judges sampled and judged every pie.

Bravo!
At the conclusion of the event, senior Heather Moorehouse recieves her prize. Moorehouse, a varsity athlete placed second in the event.

Judge for yourself.
A local chef carefully judges a slice of cherry pie. Of the five judges, two were professional chefs.

Speedracing
Seniors Alan Lewis and Matt Jeans rollerblade around the stage singing and dancing. This was a difficult number to perfect but the audience seemed to love it.

Know your ABC's
Senior Kara Issac shares with her principal her talent of saying the alphabet backwards. This scene showed the importance of complimenting the child on her accomplishments.

Say your thanx.
Senior Susan Parapetti and Juniors Heidi Smith, and Andrea Rosenfeld sing about all the blessed things in life. They smile and act out their roles while singing.

"Hey Honey."
Junior Aviva Gibbs seductively sings her solo "Turn Back, oh man." For this number, she walked down the aisles and interacted with the audience. Bravo!

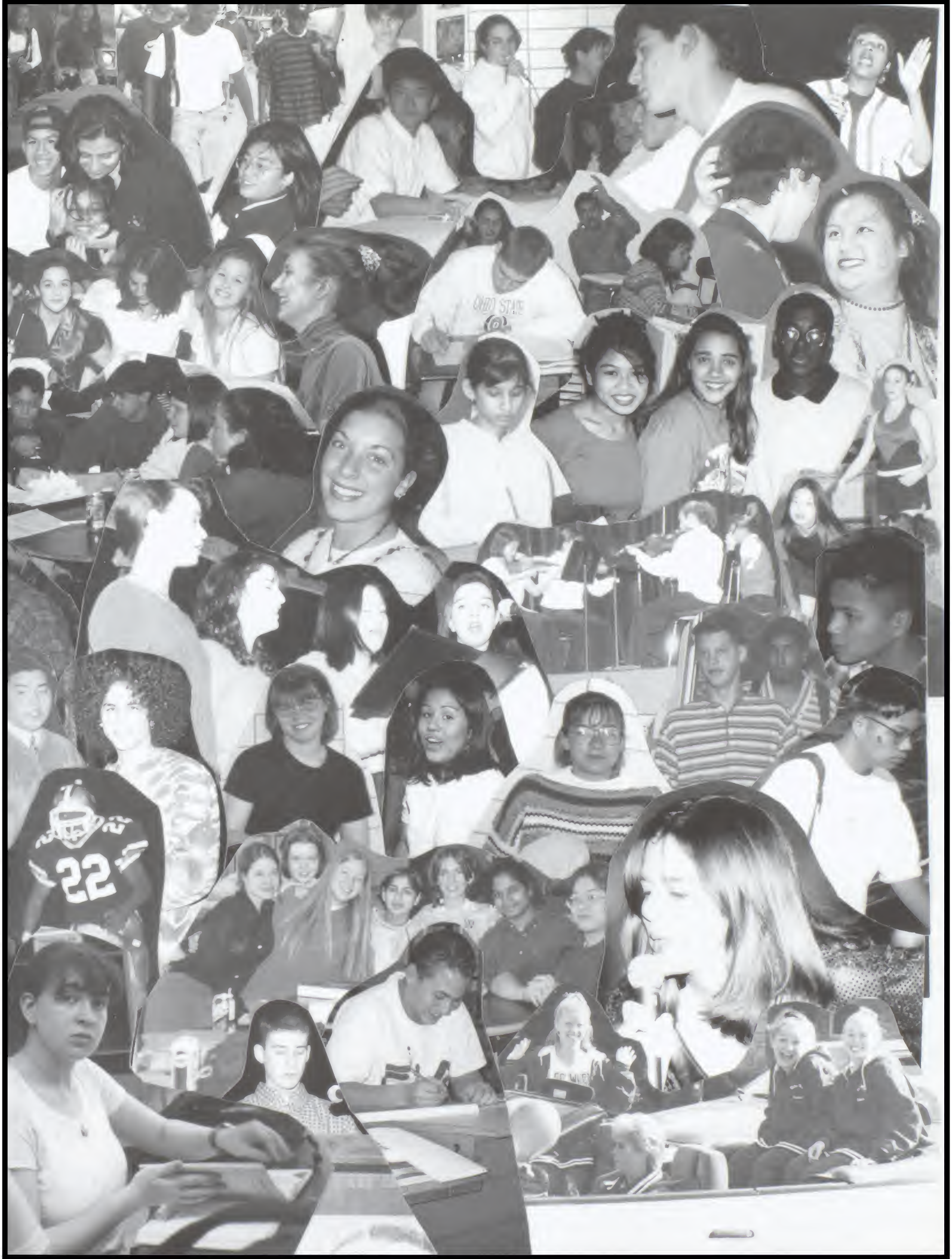
We are the Light of the World

Godspell was performed on March 6th, 7th, and 8. It was a unique play modernizing specific parables from the Bible. The character of Jesus was played by senior Alan Lewis strolled around the set viewing modern day situations and ultimately speaking about morality and its relevance to the Bible. The crucifixion and the last supper were performed magnificently leaving the audience in awe. The choreography, singing, and lighting together made the play success.

The cast of *Godspell* worked long hours to get this masterpiece perfect. All the time spent together made the actors and actresses become closer. Senior Melissa Venn said, "I know I can't accurately describe my feelings for *Godspell*, but I will try. It was truly an ensemble show and there was an amazing sense of togetherness from everyone involved. We took the script and made it our own so that there was a piece of everyone in the show. I'm sad to be leaving, but glad that I got to be a part of *Godspell* before I left."

By Lucille Parreno

Swaying to the beat.
Junior Andrew Dahan sings about all the good things around us while all others make a human swaying flower around him. This unique number was choreographed by Ron Culver.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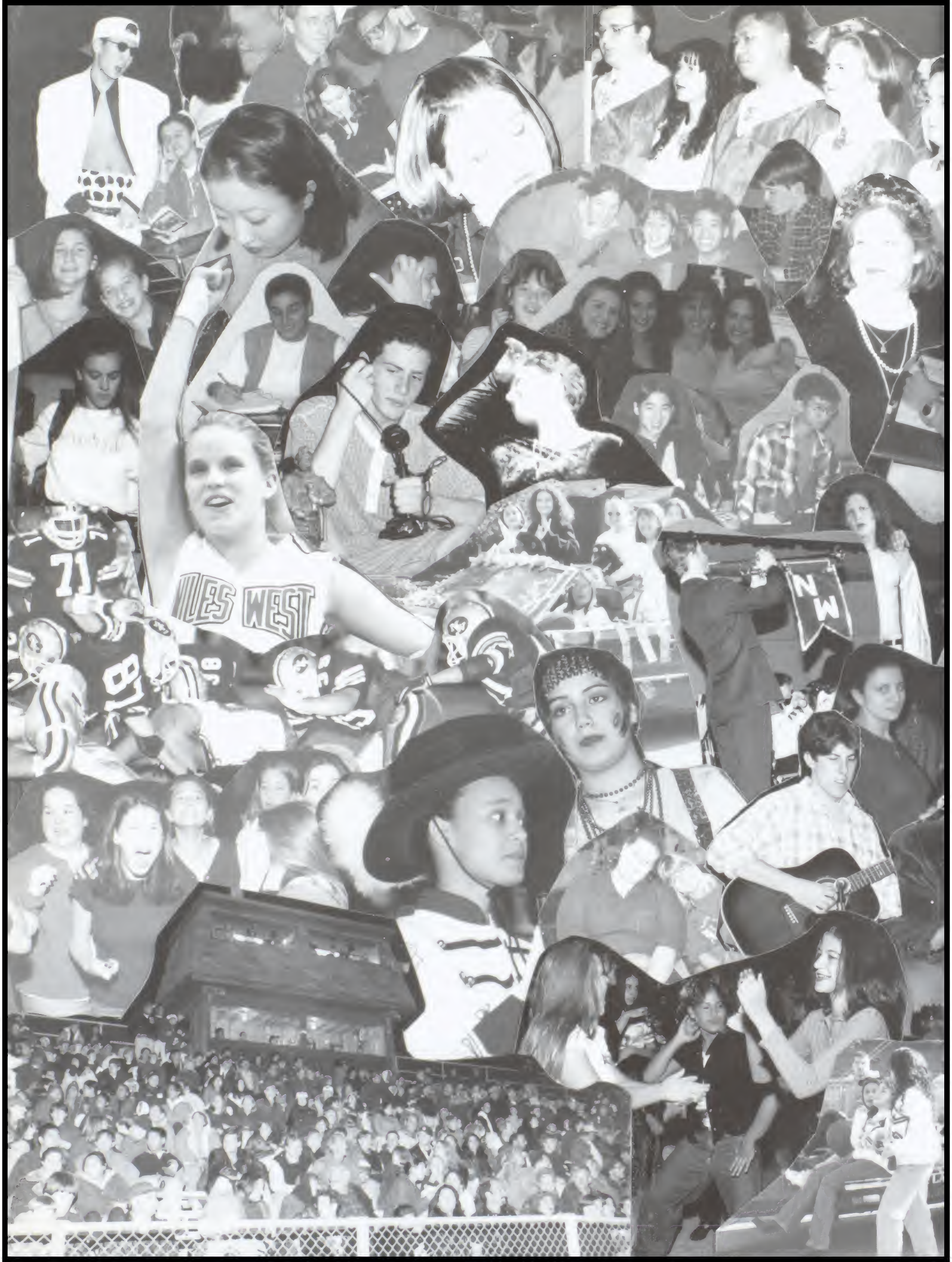
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WHAT KICKED IN 96 & 97

Still going strong.
August, 1996.
Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole and running mate Jack Kemp speak at their convention about offering themselves as a "bridge to a time of tranquility."

Down to earth.
September 27, 1996.
Astronaut Shannon Lucid arrived home after her 188-day voyage, the longest spaceflight ever by a woman and an American. Doctors waited for her with a stretcher thinking she'd be too weak to walk, but she walked alone, just a little wobbly from Earth's unfamiliar gravity.

Back in the Bronx.
October 26, 1996.
The Yankees rejoice as the World Series is theirs once again. This was the Yankee's twenty-third title, the most in history.

Back in business.
Russian president Boris Yeltsin is shaking all he's got at a pop concert. The public agreed that this display of outright embarrassment was good for Yeltsin's image of bringing personal freedom to Russia.

Hello, Chicago.
August,1996.
President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore greet their supporters at the National Democratic Convention in the United Center.

Disheartening loss.
July 17, 1996.
TWA Flight 800 exploded and crashed in the ocean killing 230 passengers. Loved ones of those who were lost in the crash remember and grieve them through these heart-felt memorials.

You're in the Woods when...
At an astounding twenty years old, Tiger Woods has been declared one of the coolest golf players in history. He has won $734,794 in just seven events and is ranked 23rd on the PGA tour.

Peaceful Olympics.
July 27, 1996
Looks nice, but these people were not expecting a pipe bomb to explode in the middle of the night which was cause for at least two reported deaths. This incident began a worldwide paranoia concerning terrorism.

Crooked tiny tablet.
"Jagged Little Pill" by singer/songwriter Alanis Morissette became the U.S.' best-selling album by a female artist.

He's taken.
John F. Kennedy Jr. is not only the son of one of our most influential presidents nor is he simply the man thousands of women lust after... now, he's married to one of the soon- to-be most influential women of the nineties, Carolyn Bessette. They married on Cumberland Island off the coast of Georgia in a cozy little ceremony away from all the paparazzi.

You're supposed to be human?!?
The outlandish Dennis Rodman makes an appearance on NBC's Third Rock from the Sun as a fellow alien.

Unlikely hero.
August, 1996.
It came down to the final vault, and Kerri Strug thought she had to land it in order for the team to win the gold. She landed it perfectly, but she severely injured her ankle. Her coach, Bella Karolyi, carries her to the podium to except her gold medal.

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SENIORS

Check in with the Captain

Just like a police department, high school has several levels according to seniority. After fighting your way to the top, there comes a time of confidence, a feeling of pride, and a sense of authority. Senior year brings college application pressures and the woes of having to say good-bye. A time to leave behind childhood and become an adult. Check out the seniors in all their glory, after having risen to the top.

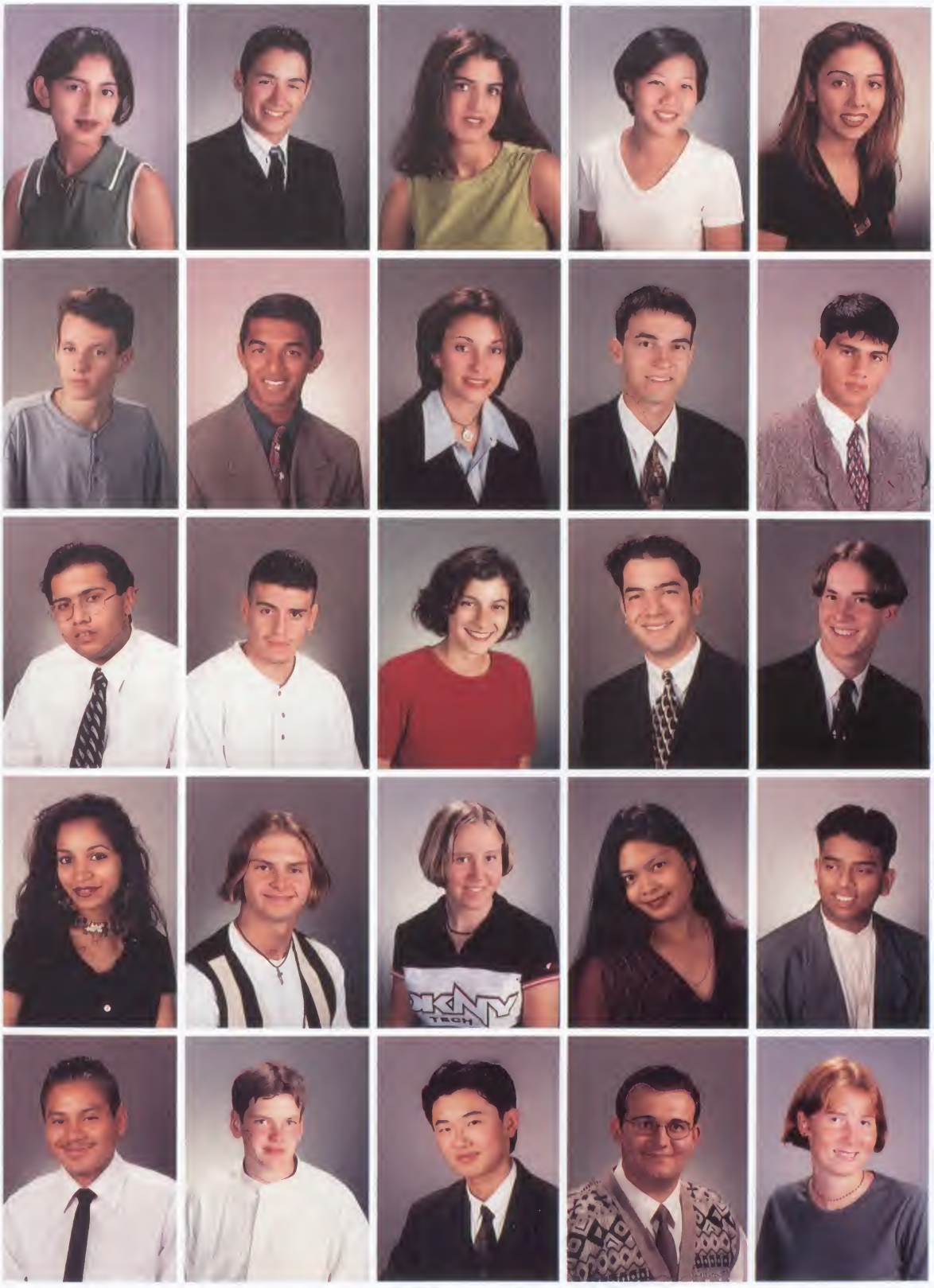
What will you miss?

I'll Remember

There is really no way to sum up the top ten or twenty most memorable moments, its really just different for everyone. For some seniors, their activities and achievements in sports are most memorable. "My most memorable moment was the day the cross country team won conference, last year, because we were so underestimated,"-Christi Policht.

"Stripping down to our speedo's for the winter assembly last year was my most memorable moment,"-Jason Macejak. Though many seniors I talked to had their most memorable moments in a class. "It was biology class mt sophomore year with Britt Wilms, Christi Policht and Jenny Rinkor, because we always would goof around and give Mr. Slife a hard time,"-Suzanne Rontal. Tammy Hrajnoha mentioned Mr. Flinn's class. "Mr. Flinn's class was so cool, and I love his liberial way of teaching,"-Tammy. While, Jennie Welch mentioned Mr. Johnson's class: "making those inspector gadgets in Mr. Johnson's class was really funny,"-Jennie. Some seniors I talked to had more memorable moments that were a bit more embarrassing. "My favorite moment was when Mr. Grossman fell off his chair in class, and made a complete fool of himself,"-Tracy Peterson. Mike Cimmarusti mentioned a freshman fumble as his memorable moment. "One time me and my friends were walking around the hallway after school and a freshman girl just stumbled and fell on her face, it was so funny, we just laughed,"-Mike Cimmarusti. Andrew Podosenov said, "my most memorable moment was when I saw Dean Erikson dancing in the pre-homecoming dance, I'll never forget that,"-Andrew Podosenov. As for my most memorable moment, I'd have to its a tie between seeing Mr. Miller's loud imitation of Woody from the "Toy Story"; and finally leaving these 4 years behind. GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!! GO SENIORS!!!

Shiny happy people.
Eight happy seniors pose together for a picture. "Get this in the yearbook, please!!"



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Jason Abbey
Nazanin Aghayerashti
Eugenia Ahn
Carolyn Akhteebo

Marcin Albekier
Sam Alexander
Kate Alpert
Robert Altman
Andres Alvear

Zishan Alvi
Juan Alzate
Theodora Analitis
George Anastasiadis
Jason Angelilli

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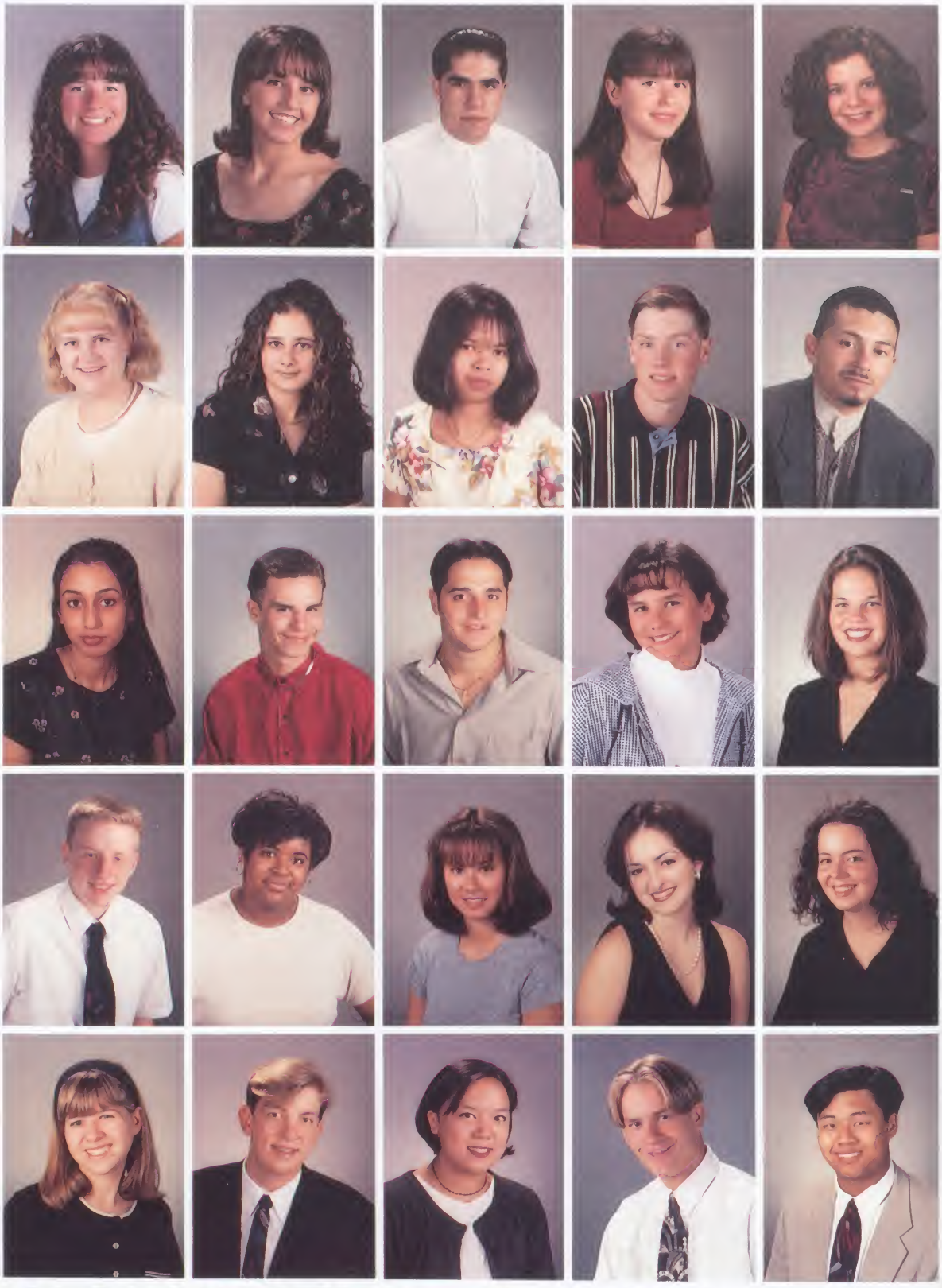

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Anastasia Benetatos
Ignatius Benetatos
Liz Bera
Holly Berger

Ann Bieneman
Selma Bilal
Rhodora Bingayen
Andy Blanchard
Jose Blanco

Paru Bodiwala
Jason Boucher
Pete Boudouvas
Rachel Bradley
Andrea Braovac

Brian Bruce
Tiffany Buckner
Sasha Burch
Inna Burdein
Marianna Calabro

Kristen Caruso
Daniel Casetta
Cicily Castillo
Paul Ceisel
Donald Chan

Eric Chan
Scott Charoenpitaks
Nicholas Chin
Ji Yong Cho
Mike Cho

Soek Eun Choi
Joseph Chollampel
Rea Chronopoulos
Alex Chudnovsky
Rosie Chwal

Michael Cimmarusti
Nicholas Cimmarusti
Sanela Cobalovic
Jocelyn Cornbleet
Nicole Corrigan

Question/Answer

Do you think cheerleading is a sport?

"If you don't use a ball...at all...then it's not a sport."-Danes Somano

Christine Cosmos
David Craig
Nick Dallas
Jack David

Danielle Davino
Samantha Dehne
Claudia Deja
Michelle del Pino

Laura Dema
Andry Demonte
Cyrus Deocampo
Dan Depaolis

Therese Derecho
Andrew Desiniotes
Keith Diaz
Dianne Dipier

Eliz Dobrowolski
Cathy Doczekalski
Tennille Doll
Luis Dorado

Boris Dukach
Ben Edelson
Toni Eder
Heidi Eichler

Amanda Erickson
John Ernst
Daniel Ertman
Derek Faulstick

Mary Fazelian
Isaac Feder
Heather Fernandez
Imee Fernandez

John Fernandez
Carrie Folise
Frances Fontanez
Jordan Freeman

Noula Frigelis
Katy Gartner
Giovanny Gatica
Matt Gauthier

Teresa Gawron
Brian Gelfand
Kathy Giannakopoulos
Vicky Giannos
Amy Ginsburg

Anthony Gloriosa
Jason Goldlust
Anat Goldman
Anthony Grason
Steve Gray

Monica Gren
Olga Grigoryev
Carolyn Guerrero
Patricia Guerrero
Jaime Guzman

You know you're a senior when...

Repeat after me...You are a SENIOR. Sometimes you can't even believe it yourself. Doesn't it seem like just last week when you were a nervous little freshman, lost in a big school? Now you know this school like the back of your hand. Seniors have that special something that makes them so unique. So, what else sets seniors apart from the rest? Here are some clues that makes 536 seniors different from everyone else.

***You are now throwing pennies, not catching them.**
***No more standardized tests...have fun juniors!**
***You have enough college junk mail to heat a small village.**
***You're not afraid of Erickson anymore (well, just a little).**
***People get out of your way in the hall, not the other way around.**
***The wonderful requirement for graduation...the RESEARCH PAPER!**
***Incoming freshmen start to look smaller and smaller.**
***Money seems to be getting tighter than the new security.**
***You're screaming, "Go Home Freshmen!" louder than ever.**
***Seniors "ditch day" has suddenly become everyday.**
***School is now something that occupies your time between sleep and work.**
***Most of the security guards know you by name.**
***Spring break, Cancun...need I say more?**

There you have it. These are some of the many reasons why there is no comparison to being a senior.

By June Park
Christine Cosmos

Grace Ha
Michelle Hahn
Chris Harpling
Andrew Heckerling
Stacey Heilig

Mary Eileen Hellum
Roger Herling
Chris Heuer
Michael Hill
Tracy Hoffman

Gabriel Horwitz
Tammy Hrajnoha
Lisa Hudik
Sarah Hundahl
Joe Husher

Daniel Hwang
Helen Hwang
Nenif Ibrahim
Kara Isaac
Amir Jacob

Efrat Jacob
Arch Jamjun
David Janossy
Dana Jarneche
Sofia Javed

Matt Jeans
Dara Janthanomma
Deena Jenthanomma
Kevin Jeong
Gust Johanson

Jennifer Johnson
Christine Johnston
Beena Joseph
Jerome Jovero
Joe Kahn

Juliet Kallu
Sirinan Kamarchevakul
James Kannookadan
Renjan Karattu
Alexander Kasman

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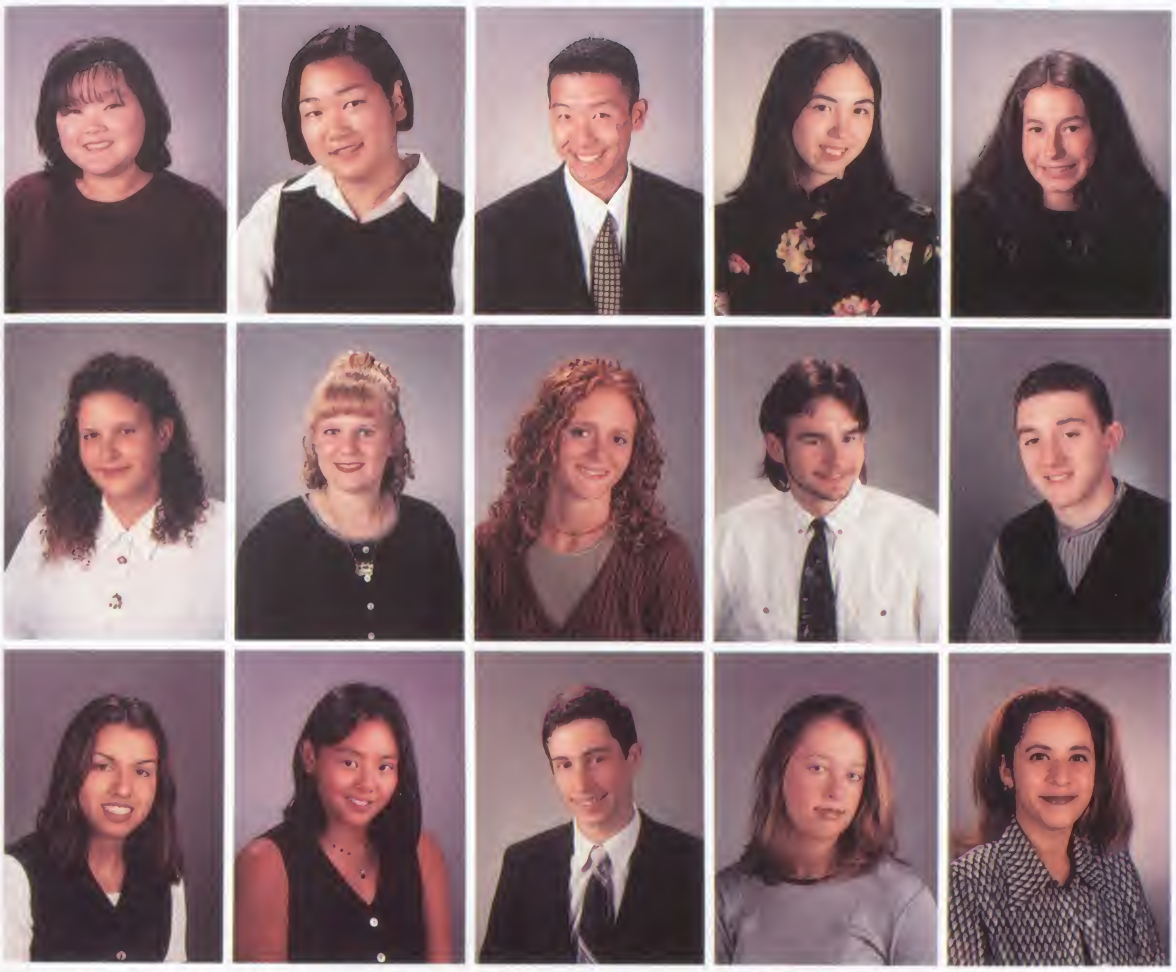

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Young Kim
Amy Kimura
Sandy Klein

Joanna Klincewicz
Karen Kmiecik
Jessica Knudsen
Dan Kogut
Pete Konstantos

Patty Kontos
Sinee Kopsumbut
Yevgen Koralbelnikov
Michelle Koral
Georgia Koromvokis

Question/Answer

Do you think that boys sports receive more funding than girls?

"Boys sports definitely receive more funding. It is very obvious and I think it stinks. Equality my bum! If girls sports got as much money as the guys did, we would have a bigger locker room, better equipment and no more warm-ups from the 1970's!"- Erin Nelson

Angelo Kourouklis
Mike Krzyszton
Margaret Kuick
Simone Kung

Swapna Kuruvilla
Chalisa Laksanaprom
Jeanette Lama
Darlene Landicho

Jennifer Landis
Sherry Lanuza
Antoinette Laporte
Michele Larsen

Jennifer Lau
Judy Leavitt
Eileen Lee
Hoon Lee

John Lee
John Lee
Laura Lee
Nancy Lee

Jordan Levy
Alan Lewis
Kerri Lin
Mike Lisle

Kathy Litwin
Lida Liu
Danny Lochner
Justin Loeffler

Vince Lombardo
Snezana Lukac
Lambrini Lukidas
Sherman Macawili

Jason Macejak
Monica Maciel
Dan Malartsik
Ticha Maleegrai

Bernard Malkov
Joel Manansala
Sebastian Manu
Anna Marchisotta

All Good

Things...

After four long years of high school what will seniors miss the most? The hustle and bustle of the crowded halls, the wonderful bus rides we took as underclassmen, or maybe the delicious cafateria food? I think not. For most of us, it's the friends we made over what seemed like a lifetime. It'll be strange not seeing the same people day after day like we have been for the past few years. You can't help but miss everyone, even the bad ones. It's often said that high school is one of the best times of our lives. Sure we'll be moving on to bigger and better things, but these are the last times we'll have to hang onto our juvenille-delinquent ways. Who'd have ever thought that high school would go by so fast? One moment we were cheezy little freshmen that served as the lowest forms of life at school, and the next we became older and wiser seniors who are outta here! Here's what some of my fellow seniors had to say:

Jenny Landis: "The homework and getting up early. Yeah right!"

Nick Chin: "Some of the teachers I had. Mrs. Raffanti from sophomore geometry and Ms. VanAlstin."

Randy Shin: "The slamming of the lockers."

Marina Pergament: "The people that put a smile on my face throughout the day....And bagels in the morning."

Mike Cho: "I don't like nobody. I'm not gonna miss nothing."

Natalie Semaszczuk: "Everything there is about high school."

Cyrus Deocampo: "Nada!"

Scott Sabin: "The variety of people."

by Ashley Khatkhate

GO!GO!GO!
Senior Melissa Venn does her part in advertising for the play "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

Marijana Marinac
Javier Martinez
Daniel May
Susana Mayorga
Natalee McLeod
Julia Medvin
Kevin Meehan

Hitesh Mehta
Bobby Mendoza
Malissa Michaelides
Seth Miller
Mark Miszczyszyn
Nick Mitria
Christina Moen

Nicole Mollet
Heather Moorehouse
Voula Moragiannis
Ilsa Morales
Dima Moussa
Amy Moy
Timothy Moy

Beata Mozdzinski
Jason Mui
Marcel Muj
Bo Mi Na
Kenneth Nakai
Justin Narcise
Nicole Nash

Neetu Nattar
Erin Nelson
Timothy Nelson
Gearge Nikolakakis
Daniel Nitoi
Leslie Nono
Sergio Nunez

Erick Oh
Joe Oh
Rebecca Ohlson
Jose Olivares

Cindy Olsen
Susan Olson
Christina Ottlinger
Nicole Pagani

Chrissy Papnick
Susan Parapetti
Esther Park
Jason Park

June Park
Sang Joon Park
Jill Pasia
Jignyasa Patel

Mili Patel
Nira Patel
Parag Patel
Priti Patel

Tracy Peterson
Jelena Petkovic
Bentley Phillips
Nick Piekos

Reny Pinarkyil
Clarissa Placko
Andrew Podosenov
Christi Policht

Sandy Pool
Kelly Potter
George Pratikakis
Renuka Purimetla

Mark Purtell
Suhaib Quadri
Nazneen Qureshi
Rehana Patel

Saad Patel
Sejal Patel
Marina Pergament
Kristen Peterson

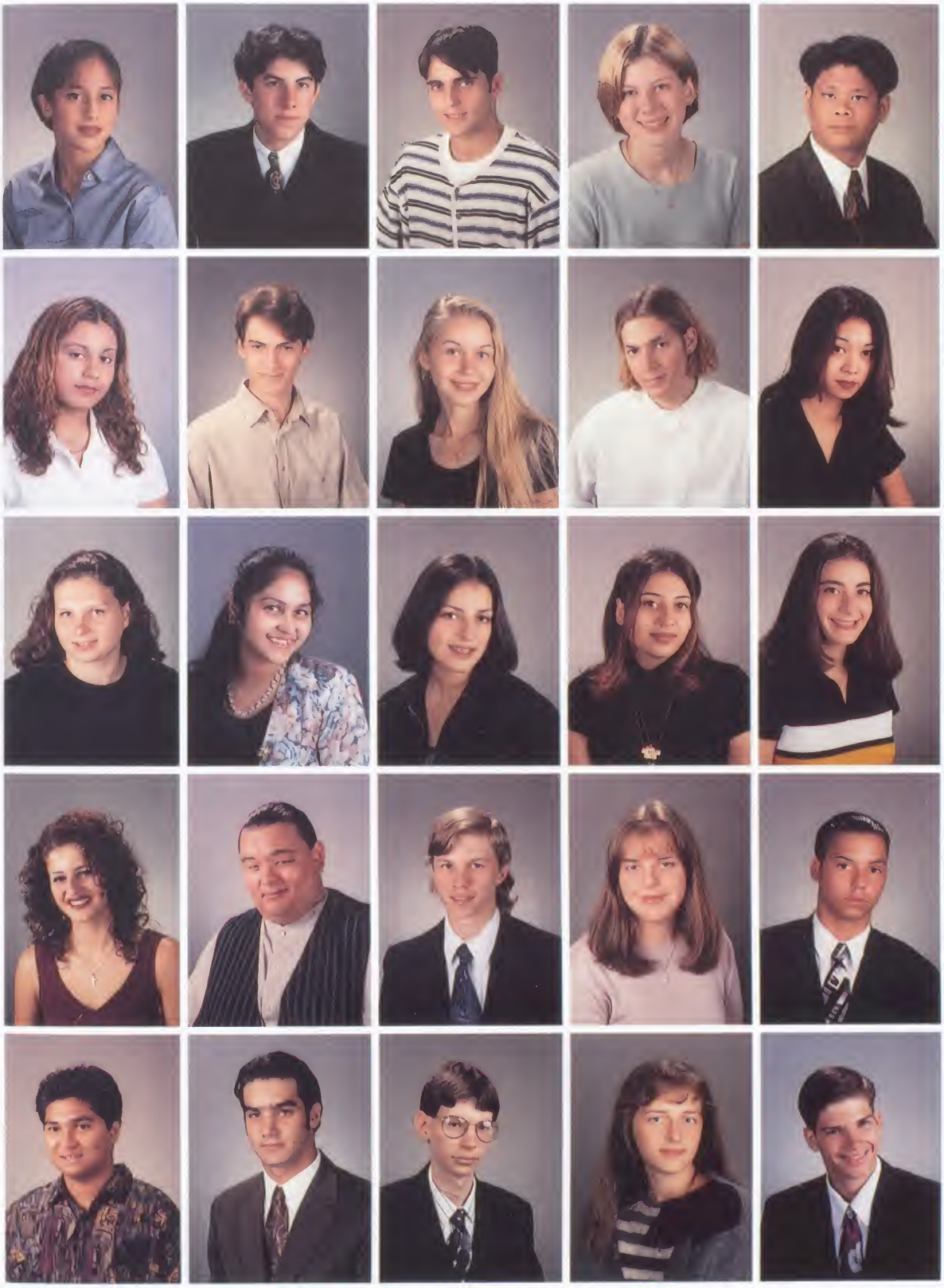
Gary Ramirez
Angelo Ramos
Cliff Ramos
Jessie Reagen
Rachel Rehana

John Reifenberg
Kim Richards
Jennifer Rinkor
Suzanne Rontal
David Rosen

Eric Rosenbush
Richard Roth
Scott Sabin
Faye Sair
Tiffany Sakolsky

A Touch of Italy!
Foreign exchange student Mariana Calabro rides in a convertible during the Homecoming parade. Wow! Fresh off the plane and immediatly the Grand Marshall.

The next Monet.
Senior Joe Strybel doodles a bit in art class. Talented art students get an opportunity to show off their skills by holding art shows in the Oakton Lobby.



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Ian Santarinala

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Jalpa Shah
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Marsha Slobodnic
Charles Smith

Josh Smith
Matt Smith
Andrew Sniezek
Kwan Sohn
JuYoung Song

Anand Soni
Kajal Soni
Mita Soni
Jenny Spear
Kathy Stachowiak

Renee Stolis
John Stolz
Andrew Strauch
Joseph Strybel
Brett Strykowski

Nikki Suss
Suzanne Suss
Nicole Sutherland
Eric Svenson
Chris Swanson

Brian Swerdlow
Christine Tabamo
Arlette Tahan
Fumika Takasaki
Matthew Terdich

Agnes Tessar
Tina Thomas
Brittany Thorsen
Katherine Tipan
James Tipton

Athena Toliopoulos
Christopher Torres
Niki Tottas
Diane Tragas
Elaine Tragas

Maria Trograncic
Rachel Trylovich
Vilayath Unnisa
Irfan Vaid
Jane Vander Molen

Question/Answer

How do you feel about the cafeteria's "No penny policy"?

"If there are 20 people waiting in line and somebody comes with 210 pennies, then I could understand why they wouldn't accept pennies. However, if you give 5 pennies because you don't have a nickel, then I don't see why it would be a problem. Either way, a penny is money. It is all a matter of convenience."

-Rehana Patel

Brian Varghese
Eric Vassilatos
Wendy Vega
Melissa Venn
Max Veprinsky

Toni Viglione
Bris Villanueva
Stefanie Volk
Le Anne Vollmann
Maya Vujoshevich

Jennie Welch
Doriane Williams
Susan Wimmers
Michael Wolford
Zheng Xiang

Rommel Yanong
Ben Yarrow
Chong Yoo
Anita Younan
Evan Younan

Brett Youngsteadt
Arabella Zaroo
Sara Zellermayer
Gina Zimmer
Julie Zusstone

Do dreams come True?

The end of senior year marks the final chapter of our high school carrers. For four years we have grown into mature adults, we've made important decisions and have taken many paths in this small, secure, closed environment. However, once we leave this school after graduation we're open to new opportunities and decisions in a wider more open educational enviroment we can call life. The path we decide to take is ultimately up to us, there is no more nurturing and guidance, it is solely up to us. Some of us may go off to college, others could start working, and often some start a new life and family. The desicion is ours, where will you be in ten years?

George Anastasiadis:"Married with a couple of kids and tanning at my grandfather's home in Greece. Living the easy life."
Raphael Kiam:"At Niles West, with a beautiful wife and 15 kids."
Angie Siargos:"Somewhere with three sons and no daughters."

Ticha Maleegrai: "In a huge house with 4 kids, baking cookies or watching my maid bake them while my hottie husband makes a lot of money so I could go shopping."
John Lee: "Looking for a rich lady I could marry."
Michelle Koral: "Drinking pina coladas on the beach in Hawaii with Chrissy, Lucy, Ticha, and Paula."
Jason Abbey: "I would be a millionaire chilling with the Playboy Bunnies!"

I, on the other hand ,will be living in a mansion, married to Jason Angellili,with our daughter enrolled in dance class, our son enrolled in little league, and our golden retriever enrolled in obedient school.

So, will any of these dreams come true? We'll just have to find out at our ten year reunion. What a scary thought.

by Lucy Parreno

These boots are made for walking.
At the mall shoes lined up as far as the eye can see.
Every pair calls out as if waiting especially for me.

MACBETH

WE, THE CLASS OF '97, BEING OF SOUND MIND AND

To all the swimmers: I leave behind my Speedos for the poor loser who forgets his suit on the first day of practice.

Derek Faulstick #88

I, Kate Alpert, bequeath to all: Patience with life, universal oneness, a phat beat, a good groove, true friends, & meaty chunks to feed next years dogs... N.P.G. in effect.

I leave all my money & belongings to the one & only Randy Villenas.

Billy Giannopoulos

To all the LB's: I leave some hard hits & WFP. To the football players: victories & state playoffs. All the ladies: my number. To all my boys (BY, TM, JK, NC, DD, JG, NC, MC, CH, BM, DB, JL, AK, DB, DK SJ, TW, MK, SG, AB, TR, ED, SD, YL, BP): the best of luck. And to the two special ladies: LC & CK, all the love & luck in the world. JMP.

Later Y'all-Brad Alper (Alpo #35)

To all the underclassmen: I leave you the soccer fields. Treat them well because that's where many dreams begin. I now leave the school where I met all my good friends & met my first love (texan)! You owe me $10 Diaz.

Luis Dorado

To Dave, Oli, Draig, Brian, Johnny, Greg, Paul, and any other gym rats: I leave you guys the Webber Center because we all know that playing in the gym is not an option.

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Niles West, also known as the jail for simple fools, has not been kind. Although the academic experience has been much like a beating the friends made will not be forgotten. I will consider West a great experience. As much as I would like to wax intellectual about West, I can convert my experience into one word: strange.

Jeans

To my little brother: I leave you a bus pass so you can get to school. Bratwurst forever! To Bunny: I leave you the cup of Barnes & Noble hot cocoa that started it all. To Moley: I leave you some Evanston Theater ticket stubs & a cell phone for self defense. Do you like scary movies? To Baby's Mutti: I leave you a Far Side collection. When you're older & wiser, you'll appreciate it. To Ruth walter: I leave you a bag of Twizzlers & Chris Beat. To Spazz: I leave you the Wolf #, all the pens your heart desires, & some respect. To Kick Butt (my first high school friend): I leave you my fruit flies & the knowledge that in spite of your poor self concept, everyone else knows you for the kind and wonderful person you are. To Ross (sorry, I had to write that one last time): I leave you a moment's peace. You deserve it.

Heidi Eichler

People, don't waste your time being petty. There's much more to life than this. Thanks to the teachers who taught me truth. Good luck to Joanne & Gimpy. Don't sacrifice yourselves to fit in.

Blessed be- Gina Zimmer

I leave shortstop to P.J. Zonis & all my love to my darling.

J.A.

To all future trendsetters:
I leave you my sense of style & charisma. For those who can't dress, go to Barnes and Noble & buy yourself a copy of *Vogue* & *Allure*. Never fear to be too different or too funky, because no matter what you are, people will always talk.

Belly

Being of sound mind & body, I, Nick Dallas, leave the following stuph. To D: peace, thanx for everything, you rock. To SOF: coffee beans, you're the bestest. Devin: some matches, TOO MUCH FIRE!!! To KR, ER, KA, DJ, CC, CD, SM, EN: sum o' dem glow sticks & whistles - phat party time. To TH, KK, RP, KL, RK, RP, KI, MP, & the rest of you: my love, you guys are the best. "If the doors of perception are cleansed, things will appear as they truly are." -William Blake

Nick Dallas

To all the students who have Mr. Brandes as a teacher: peanuts are his favorite snack! To students who are ever desperate for food : stop by the principal's office for some hard candy, courtesy of Pat Harn. To Christi : may you find your BO! To Reni : thanks for a wonderful yearbook & friendship. Time flies! To Renuka : "This is your race, so put on a happy face." To Mika: one more year. Take care of yourself.

Kara Kezios

I, Anna (The Brat) Marchisotta, leave behind to Valerie Niklas the ability to go out & expose her beautiful singing voice. Val, if I can do it, so can you. Don't give up. Also, I leave you my hair dye. Lord knows we change it every three weeks!

Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought.

Renee Stolis

"... there is little or no common ground of memory to serve as a basis for understanding or fellow feeling. Words are uttered, but fail to enlighten." So, just put it on the easel, stand back and enjoy the picture which only you can create. -Aldous Hurley (*Doors of Perception.*) From the Lincoln connection to JA & shorty, to Fettish, Gina & my beloved Kate, fare thee well.

Love, Kimberly Richards

To my closest friends: I wish you all the best & many more great adventures in life. JuJuBee: Thanx for being there from 7th-12th. Glad we survived high school & still managed 2 be B/F/F/E. LasMalasChicasDe- LocaEspanola(1.5), Snail2, Fashion-Fettish, 4GetMeNot. Squints: Bio-hazard, Salsa, N'AllTheRCs while we was Freshies. Looking 4ward 2 more Frinites & (Speedy)cartrips. Bell: Luv your crazy ways. Let it be known that U have a definite wild side. XFiles-4Ever, Tetris, Cyberplay, JeanLuc. Houndog: I never would have met you if it weren't for our rendevous at Orientation Day. Lil'Italy, Jukebox-Fever, DaBullsNite, Never4GetYa. 2AllDaSweeties(the 2-4Crowd from study hall) & other Crazies(Coffee-Club, Tommy'sCo., etc.) I axidentally met, thanx for all the fun & laughs we had. Gem: Thank God for U & your trouble. 2MyFreshieCous: I leave behind 3 more years at West. But don t worry, they'll go by a lot faster than you think. Enjoy & make the best of them. Oh yeah, my spot at the infinite end of the parking lot is yours when you come of age. Ol'Memories.

love always/always love Ashley

Buhbye Niles West! Wait! To ND & KJ: "The only way to deal with absurdity is to recognize it"-anonymous. Thanx guys, it's been a blast! To SP: "She moved out!" "Est-ee je parle francais?" I love ya babe!

Love, Sof

To the underclassmen: I leave the collection of gum underneath the cafeteria tables and the responsibility of adding new assortments of flavors to them each year.

Irfan (Magic) Valid- Class of '97 rules!

Don't let any teachers harass you, stand up for yourself.

Chong Yoo '97

Don't let the man get you down. If he does, go get some pie.

French Silk

To all my fellow classmembers in autos: I leave the headlight of a GMC Suburban.

R.S.K.

To my brother Jay: I leave you my bus pass because you'll need it to take the bus to school every morning at 6:45! Have fun!

Kerri

To all of the best friends out there: We leave you the ability to stay together through it all. We hope you have as many good times as we have.

Best Friends Forever, Jen & Bean

To LL: I leave my e-mail address at college so I can still edit your papers & the autographed picture of Barry Manilow (that we never got)! To AR: I leave a Dallas Cowboys t-shirt & a #2 mechanical pencil. Go Go Go Joseph! To AK: "Let's all go down to Oxford!", blue frogs. To VanderVander: Memories of Walter, Flipper, Ringo, & Martin Luther. To HE: A picture of Chris Beat (that you couldn't cut out), Gert, Dateline, & Twister 'n Twizzlers. To my special friend: I leave an Evita ticket stub, a picture of Grace, fruit on sticks and zippy dip, locker A3, & the Book of Mormon. To my "Walkers": Thank you for everything! Good luck trying to replace me!

KC

I leave Coach Stern & the swim team my big jug.

Michael Wolford (VAR)

To JA: I leave the memory of our jam sessions &, of course, the "Master Copy". To Maria: Even though we really haven't been together long, you will have a place in my heart forever. You truly are my princess. To Bryan: I leave you the responsibility of taking over the role of "cheap shot". AB: I leave you many future fun games of Pictionary CG: I leave our many great memories of hanging out during the summer. (You'll never understand him.) TM: I leave you a compass to find your way back to the hotel room. MC: I leave you our great talks at Jack s & in front of your house. To the class of '97: The past four years have been great! Underclassmen: Try everything that you can because time flies!

Chris Heuer

To the football team, win a game!!

 # 25

To all the Hawks: I leave the great memories that I had partying with you guys these past years. I will definitely miss seeing y'all everyday. So as we move in our separate directions, I hope we can all stay in touch & keep our friendships strong.

Hamilton

Hey buddies! Since our time here at NiWeHi is coming to an end (sniffle), I leave the following. Al Majinski: All the rhythm in the world. Sass: Some home training. Jay-Hay: Depantsing. Andrea & Bobby: #44, use the power wisely. Tuck twins: Charcoal Delights. 69 Stud: Fix galsses, ripped jeans, & sprained wrists. Ed: Gyros & a million rides with 1-60 pages.JP, CM, AG, J.Abs: The perfect "blues" Montrose park night. PeteK, J-Square, PP,NC,SO, AG: Haunted houses & bumble McDonalds. Dori: Heaven(aka the flashing fire alarms). Maria: No nicotine,phat props. Chris: Truth, truth,& great talks. Mermaid leads & fly-girls: Some feets & booties. YOU DON'T OWN ME crew: A million memories. Fayesers:101 dalmation. J-Bear: 1-26-96-143-637-4325 always. Nick Cimm: "don't jump". un-conditional friendship. Sue O, Blackie: Basketball Jones. To all the hitters, hoopers, jumpers, & runners: Aim high. Give West a good name. To everyone I love but don't have room to write for, I leave an infinite amount of Ticha hugs. I love you all! Hot Tubs & Jell-O! I'm out!

forget me not, HOPS #44

Bye Tom! Don't forget "Pizza, it's the good to go snack"!

Love, me

To All The Fresh Meat: I leave a few words of wisdom: Time flies, there's no turning back when it's all over. Have the time of your life these years & don't let anyone bring you down. Life's not a popularity contest, there's more out there than what people in here will tell you. Keep your friends close, your enemies closer. Everyone talks trash sooner or later, so know that people are never what they seem. Live & let live! To all other Westlians, good luck! It's a jungle in here!

Older 'N Wiser

I, Joanna, as my last will & testament leave my squeaky-clean reputation to Lauren Johnson, since she desperately needs one.

To all my friends: Don't forget to meet at Garcia s this weekend. Same time, same table.

Eggplant

BODY, DO HERE BEQUEATH THE FOLLOWING...

To all my swimming pals: Well, it's the end of an era. All of the leaders in the "retard" lane are graduating. I hope you will follow my footsteps & lead not only yourself, but others. If you learned anything from this awesome sport, it's NEVER QUIT! No matter how hard your season is, remember where you started. It's the journey that counts. And, with that thought, I say my final good-bye! To my close friends: I'm going to miss everyone. Hopefully by the time I reach college, I will know how to log on and e-mail you. Until then, look for me in the mailbox. Prashant, don't worry, I'll come back and visit often. P.S. Ladies, keep your hands off him, he's mine!

Remember me, Sinee

Katie: I'll no longer be able to pass on valuable knowledge (like how to leave tour bus bathrooms or open zip-lock bags). You're going to have to do these things on your own, but I'll be with you in spirit (laughing at, I mean with, you all the way.) P.S. I'm going to miss you more than you know.

Love, Beth

I, Tony Gloriosa, hereby bequeath the parking spot for my Fairlane to someone with a car worthy of it.

To Jaco, Kflute12, the Love Bunnies, & the rest of the litter: May the horse be with you!

Obiwan

COLLEGE CALLS! Good luck CC Runners, you guys rock! I'll miss you most of all. Bye Frito & Smore. Sloan: Thanx a lot. All you junior buddies will be missed. Freshman won't be. I leave everyone the nasty, crowded hallways. I'll be on a campus with hopefully cooler guys. NO MORE AP SPANISH VOCABULARIO! WHOA! Have fun all you juniors with Mr. Murphy; get ready to lose your cabello. I leave all those teachers who helped me understand subjunctive (took a while), trig, Oedipus... To all the lodies: "Beware of the dogs". Jars of Clay, CRANBERRIES, ZERO GRAVITY, REORRRR, BADMITTON: Keep.

Michelle

To the students of Niles West: Never underestimate the power of human stupidity.

To Sandy Schertzig: I leave my wonderful french-speaking abilities. They've come in so handy! Use them wisely!

Christine Cosmos

I, Linda Szczepanski, being of sound mind, leave fond memories to-JA: BAKULA! Whoa: All those classes & breaks! AB: Naps in a certain geometry class! Gina, Kathy, & Sasha: "Es un mundo perfecto!" Beatlemania to Isaac! Ana, do you really hate it? Bringin' New Years '95 with a literal bang! NC, LS, NM, MT, LK, JT: OOPS! 83: If I could turn back time...PSSTTH...Stealing mom's car! "Pic Boy" love Maria! The frosh mod 8 crew(CM, NM, LS, MV, GZ, DM) "lucky stick..$1.10" Lucy: To all the smack! Uh-uh! Shelly: I don't wanna grow, GAP, Jack's, skiing, "Cutie" JillyBean: Yo Seider, where you at? ISU BABY! Kim: To all the sports we used to play & the numerous trips to Ponterillis, "brain cramps", phones, Jack's, MS probs, crying, laughing, 5 am from a certain wrestling match! Ilove you & will miss you. "Twin": Soph love, parties, & a lot of messes! JT: Come to my locker, lasting friendship. And finally, to lil' Shimski (my sister, remember?) No matter what he's doing, we'll always keep in touch! I love you! *To all the people that have been there for me in the past 4 years, I thank you & wish nothing but the best!

To Dorf: I leave you a dictionary-you need it! J/K! To Mandy: I leave you my locker & i'll make sure to leave some food too!

Jerome Jovero

To Tony Ricatta: I leave my hair &the Gambler.

Depoalis

"Don't give props to the devil."

To Leslie, DJ, Esther, my dude Ari, & my pooter(scooter-puff-ball mad): It's been a great 4 years at the legendary Ni-We-Hi. It's finally time to move on & explore what's really out therein the big world. I'll never forget all the memories & fun times. Leslie, thanks for always being there for me. You've been great pal. ith "Bruce" & watch out for Dan. DJ, you were always the one who could cheer me up. It's been great having you as my gossip buddy. Sociology would never be the same without you-know-who. Esther, working at the theaters will always be something to remember. Iloved listening to all your mushy talk about the "gerbel". Thanks for always listening to all my problems. For that, you deserve your all time lover, Sean. Ari, you're the coolest dude! When I die, you can have my car-"whatever!" Good luck next year & I'll make sure you get the coolest soccer sister! Thanks for Tweety! Poofer, we've been through a lot this year. Thanks for making this the best 4 years of my life. Our friendship means a lot to me & because of you, I have no life & no friends. I'll never forget Boobra, Nippole, & the Tabasco Shop. I hope we keep in touch. I'll never forget you & the times we've shared. I'll always love you & in my heart, I know we'll always be "Together Forever".

Love Always, Tin

To Becca:Powder blue polyester jackets, Polaner All-Fruit, pastel nails, libraries that are now mind cemetaries, pig-nosed skater chicks, scruffy guys that wan to drive your car & MY last name! To Danielle:all my iced mochas, Bublin's, Rudies, guys who asked where you went, grassy knolls, Good Drummer Boys, & Thad bit more! To Voula: A clean locker! To Sinee: $1 for every year of your life +1! To Nikki: The crow, "scrambled kite", & as many possibly sneak up on! To Sue: saved hand lotion & some maidens! To Persky: 3 sultry te--s, non-sanitary buildings next to the Fireside Bowl, & OMNIPOTENCE! To Melissa : 1 pant legs & some pigeon pies! To Chrissy: My real ID, back massages, & trips across the street. To Scott: My twisty-tie art, the mighty mushrooms, open gas caps, & all the TOOLS! To Nick: All the Thugs & Batts Mix-96!

Love Ya, Cindy of Kirtana

Jiffy Duck: Best of luck next year. Thanks for all the memories that you've given to me. You're a very special person. Don't karate with too many people. It's our thing girly. P.S. Power to the Superguards.

Love ya lots, Zordoc

To Spam, Hypo, Irish Lush, & Light-weight:I leave you all of those awesome nights of partying. High school would not have been the same without you. I also want to thank you for sticking by me throughout our 4 years together at Niles West! 20, 25, 17, 27, & 29-Friends forever!

Love Always, Clueless

To all the followers of Doogle: Down with staples, up with paper clips! Always follow Doogism or all will be chaos.Everything is going under our plans. For more info contact:

Chump & Ms. Thang

Andy: besides my unconditional love & 5 gallons of milk, I leave you the perfect seed to plant a tree that will produce many wonderful dreams. To IF: Mr. U, who'll always call, SR: a buffet of the sweetest sour patch candy, a doggie bag, & one more Cubs game (What? There was a game?), CF: that big monkey you love to play with, my fridge, & my job at SAE! When the sun won't rise, let Cathy's car take us back to yesterday's. Baboushka: a box of Jewel Mac & Cheese, a bag of fresh marshmallows. George: I leave you one perfectly unbroken chair. Kevin: $3 million for a few more years at Structure & a couple dozen doughnuts. Frank: a snowy evening with no bathrooms!

I give Sara Cliffy "hey yellowhead". Tom, I'd give youmy books, but you've probably already taken my classes. Kara & Susan: I leave you a book of my you had to be there stories."I keep waiting for a time when I can say this has been wonderful, but now I'm on my way".

Phish

To all my awesome friends, I leave you the following. Amy Dude: Remember 10 annoying neighbors...4 crazy parents, 3 selfish siblings, 2 households of pets, and a partridge in a pear tree! Love you, always! Du bist meine Lieblingsfreundin! Don't forget "Did you know that everyone has an identical twin?" & "I'm not unusual; I'm just unique!" Jane Dearest: Yane, I leave you all those debate boxes in room 127, partner. I also leave you a ride home (for all those times you needed one), my 50 cents (for your Mountain Dews), & all the happiness in the world; you deserve it, Dumkopf! We got through Kafka, mohawks, & an invitation to come to my pediatrics department. Ich liebe dich, Yane! Heidi: You're so sweet, Heid! I leave you psycho gym man's head! Deutsch macht spass, nein? Du muss eine gute Leben haben, ja? "I call you Fluff!" Ich gebe dir auch einen Film, der *Hackers* heisst. Ich liebe dich auch, Heid. Ich gebe dir auch eine Reise nach Deutschland, aber wir werden nicht blau sein. Liz & Janet: I leave you the memories of the MOO riders 4-ever! Remember BG, our Winnetka rides, our prank calls (you've failed science! secret admirer!) Sie sind auch meine Lieblingsfreunde. Nicki, Laura, Kris: fond memories of senior year, especially euro, lunch, physics, biology, & everything else! You're all the best! Kris, remember 4th grade, when you wouldn't leave me colored pencils? I leave you all colored pencils.

Peace, Love, & Happiness-Mary Fazelian

To Mrs. Lee: my favorite counselor, may you find a student who could bother & annoy you like me. To the Niles West Pom Squad: Thanks for the memories & friendships. I leave you my love . AM: Go to sleep, Adrianna, go to sleep. VN: I leave you my cup size & red vest. "They may be good, but you're pretty." Love ya princess. ST: I leave you all the Brians in the world. Leggs loves you Busty, "you're so ugly", Cheer-Pom, Pom-Cheer? Maria: Let's steal the master copy! Evy: Queen of Funk, I leave you pager messages & made up songs. TM: I leave a solution to all your boy problems. MK: may you always be able to BS your way out of everything, so slick! JP: I leave you a locker full of clothes, trash, & papers for college without me. To my buddy & partner in crime, CM, I love you. I leave you our shmack talks, talks of overatedness. JuJuBees: our similar thoughts that made people think we were a tag team, & aren't you glad we have the same dance ability? To Jbers, my muffin: you've taught me so much...I leave you my sappy attempts, our moods, all our love is's, the night at Lainie's, the definition of in love and, of course, I leave you my heart. I'll never be "just a memory". I love you.

Lucy

To Alinda M: I leave you my dexed out spandex. Colleen M: Hoochie hood-rat needs home training. Paula P: dirty skittles & country music. Chris H: all the red candy (especially fruit waves & jolly ranchers) you can consume. Ticha M: a phat hug & an even phatter "thank you". Chrissy M: you're an awesome locker partner (whatevea) but why you gotta smack on everything? Maria, Faye, Andrea, & Ana: our favorite English class (shhh!) & open forum. Jason: every commercial with Mrs. Piggy. Amy G: "you are special". Danny D: a session of peer mediation cuz even mediators need mediation. Thanx for all the memories NiWeHi. I'm out. Peace.

Doriane

To Manda-Bear: I leave you the coveted position of section leader. Dirty Dan is all yours now! And so is the $3,000 instrument! To My Special Friend: I leave you the locker that brought us closer together. To cornfield: come back to check on Bob Walter and Ruth Elizabeth! To Ross:What can I say that I haven't tormented you with already? Watch your back for mafia hitmen! Tyger1509: Panthers love to fly! Meine Kartoffel ist deine Kartoffel! Flipper says Skip lives in your intro! Mary: It wasn't us, it's the room that was bad luck! To Pure Evil(you know who you are): SPOON! Hoppy: Science Crimebusters Rules!!! Eric: utah, Kafka, wood, quick what's the connection? Allen: take good care of Dawn, she needs it. "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." -F. Scott Fitzgerald. Moving on is so hard!

Little Molen

Andrea: I leave you 2 years worth of memories that will be with me until I die. Maria: Keys to a nice car that you will have some day. Thanks for everything, my mental twin. Lincoln Hall boys: All those nights that we should've hung out. Big Daddy: A "No Smoking" sign for your heart. J-Bird: A pager so that you can be cool. Thanx gangsta. Don't be a stranger. Dori: "DOG". My bro: My wardrobe, gel, & a comb. And, if there's ever something you can't get yourself out of, give me a call. Laters. 97-97 Football team: At least 1 win. Tito: 30 lbs. Cyroids: "Wow! You're tall, wet, & wild!"

Mike Cimmarusti

To all my lunchtime friends: I leave you.

Angelo

CM: Shamiran & how not to get to Indiana. TM: Directions to Woodfield (maybe this time we'll break 3 hours). LP: Lots of mascara. LS: Adrienne & Boris, you can have them. AB: Rules on how to play Thumpers. MT: Blueberry Morning, by far the best. CG: A maid for our next party & all the 101 Dalmation toys we'll never have. EV: My blue pager case. NC: WFP. CM: A new eyelash curler. DW: A refill of stuff found in a plastic bag in your dad's jacket. FS: Hades Haunted House, that we'll never see, & a map of Woodfield. JP: A hackie sack, maybe BM will teach us. NP: A driver's license. RT: $200 of bowling fines. LK: Landon's address. NM: Cristian/Cain & an ABC store. KG: Those plans we never made. CH: The math homework we never got around to doing. KL: You know that girl w/ the 80's haircut.

Michelle Koral

Toni: I leave you the memories of "I don't know", most importantly Wayne. Kelly: I leave you a bowl of potato salad & an appointment w/ Jason. Ann: I leave you a box of Whatchamacallits. Cindy: I leave you a notebook to doodle in. To my sister: I leave you my scrunchies.

Love Always, Voula

To Marie: Boy! That's all I can say. Thanks for everything & you know I would never have survived without you. Mermaid Crew & Fly Girls: "Feet, feet.." Never forget how we grooved girls! AM: I love you & support everything you believe in. CG: What happened? Thanks for all the great times. I love you(remember that)! Bobby: Honey, thanks for letting me cry on your shoulder! Nick: Thanks for everything "bro" Chris: You better take good care of her! Joel: THANK YOU! Faye Dog: You have taught me a lot. Busty loves ya legs! SO: What do Kathy & Josie have to say now? Good luck & thanks for being there for so many years! #66: How awesome would it be? Mike: "With a kiss let us set out for an unknown world" de Musset. I love you! Never forget me! You'll always be in my heart! To everyone else: Believe in yourself & never settle for "good:; push to be the best!

Andrea

Kristey: Keep my trait going in Color Guard. "FLASH". Color Guard: I'll miss you guys. Just remember, keep your head up, smile, & sell your shows.

LeAnne Vollmann

To Zipper: I leave you the sacred twig, the Chipmunks, Starlight & Rainbow Brite, flying you-know-whats, & a flashlight. Long live the bunnies! To Mrs. Beat: I leave a picture of slipper & the B, fruit on a stick, little Cliff, & Datline. To Mon: I leave you the ewoks & Mulder's squeal. I hope you like his teeth. (The cat is in the bag & the bag is in the river.) To Ashley: I leave you a trip to the diner & a game of flickerball (if your injuries ever heal). To Jane VanderVander: I leave you Bob Walter, Ruth Elizabeth, flynap, & the knowledge that we know about & accept your relationship. To Ross: I leave you a cold Mountain Dew & a new identity. (I hope you left me my gift, $25, & a tennis ball). To Zorba: I leave you the thought that we are watching you.

Nicole Corrigan

As I depart this institution, I wish to say a few adieus. Rehana: You have been my rock & I'll miss you more than words can say. Just be happy, no matter what. Kara: When a Man Loves a Woman...thanks for all the movies & laughs. ND, SK, MP, PP(my calc buds): to those hilarious moments. That is to say...whoa! Sarah: hang in there. JA, SJ, KJ, KI: You'll always be my gym rats. Kevin & Jenny: keep on lovin' that kimchee. SK, LP, DM, SK, HE: my love. Heidi: speedy, speedy fingers & a whole lot of gasoline.

Reni

To Sanela, Ash, Susie, Tracy, & my little sis: I leave you the memories of my constant gripin'. Thanx for listening. To my favorite sis: Minnie, you can have my closet full of clothes when I leave. Treat them well; I'll be back for them.

June

Hey everybody! I wish to leave my forest green Lexus to RR & my MGD to SK every Saturday night. To all my Cub fan friends, I want to leave you hope, because they'll win the WS one day soon. To all my non-Cub fan friends: You deserve something, so I leave you my Cubs hats. Brit: You get my H & S. Thanks everybody.

Keriod, Mr. Happy, Spew, & Entertainment Section: Chalk up your cues for 1 last high school summer. Let the choo-Choo serve you. Wow, $110, 000 for Kinesiology! Still cleaning up your confetti? Say hi to Smolak during your next Schlag Kritik. Games are evil. Get what you want.

Jocelyn

To all of you that have made a difference in my life, I leave you guys with this. Andrea: I'll never forget these past 13 years, especially the past 4. I can't express how much you mean to me. I'll always be there, remember that. I love you forever. Chris: You have taught me so much this past year. "If I knew then what I know now." Remember, never any doubts or regrets. I love you, my 1st TL. Mihali: You can eat dinner at my house any time. We'll have to go and chill by the "bench" sometime. Thanks for everything, my mental twin. Ticha: Brownie pie ala mode, you big flirt. Faye: A whole crate of peaches (j/k) I love you! Candy: More hot sandwiches from Jack's. At least I'll always have the memories. Lason: I'll have to pick you up 1 day & we can "pedal & steer" across the country & talk about stuff. Juicy: Take the damn Senior Section! I'll still call you so that we can gossip. Jill: IGMA! I love you! Randy: "Rocky!" Did you really have to? Paco:Fat Boy at 3 am. Ana: I leave you my room(j/k)! I love you! G: Thanks for everything! You'll never know how much I appreciate it. Dori: "Pork chop, pork chop, greasey, greasey..." Joel: Anytime you need a ride somewhere honey, I'm there. To everyone that I want to mention(but can't due to space conservation): I love you all & I will miss ya.

Me (#10)

"Half the misery in the world comes from the want of courage to speak & to hear the truth plainly, and in a spirit of love."

I, Debbie Kim, graciously leave the following. CK(my twin): Eternal gratitude, thanks for being "real". MS: My love, prayers, & encouragement(like you did for me). EA: Wild dancing nights & our beloved "floating" baby. HH: BJ's (I still owe you) & the "floating" baby is watching you! GH: Isaiah 40:28:31. SK: Ambiguous messages, "Why is--such a retard?!?" LL: "Awesome Dude!" KJ: Anticipation of our "big day". LN: Hot chocolate heart attacks. DJL: My amazing karoake abilities. TV: My utmost "respect"; you don't need "his" respect. Thanks for making band & orchestra...fun(?), my sophomore friend. Past & present small groups: Ileave you perseverence, love, faith, & passion for the Lord. Keep your eyes on the prize! (Phil 3:14 & Tim 4:12) I'll miss you guys! Don't forget me!

Love, Debbie

To the varsity basketball team,
I leave my voicebox because nobody else uses theirs. Oh yeah, and don't belive the hype.

George Nikolakakis

Ni-We-Hi students: enjoy your life while you ahve it, high school years might be the last place where you don't have to take everything seriously, so enjoy it; Reni, Priti, and Mili (mercury up): thanks for making chem fun; Rehana: thanks for making me laugh; Hitesh: thank you for being a great friend and for making me feel better all the time.

Dima Moussa

Three Rules to Live By
1) Life goes too fast - treasure every minute of it.
2) Always follow your heart.
3) Beware: you past may come back to haunt you.

Jessie Reagen

To Newton, Einstein, & Galileo,
Don't ever change and don't over do anything! (If you know what I'm saying!) We'll always be "science" buddies. Don't forget to call or visit me when you're off to college! Paddo, count your zits. P, you'll get rid of your acheback. Jig, get new lipstick... or else people will mistake your lips for a stoplight!! (J/K) I love you guys.

Love always, Copernicus (Ni)

We, Dan and Janet, leave behind the Manowar and Guns N' Roses legacy. Rock hard!

I hereby leave my crazy Fairview friends, June, Sanela, Tracy, Laura, Maya, Angie, Sergio, Kevin, and John my new Toyota Camry. To Jessica, Britanny, Wendy, Ana, Renuka, Rea, Kiane, Patty, Vicky, Nazy, Jelena, Belly, and Evan, I leave you guys all my unfinished homework! Good luck in college!

Sincerely, Susan Shamoon

Wake up and sieze the day to all of the underclassmen in Niles West! I proudly leave my prize from the devil (a fresh new diving board of gold) to all of my divers. The dream is alive, wishing doesn't make it so my chiquititas! GinaBean it can't rain all the time, please don't bed blindmelon and recuerdas to live your dreams. Kat, Jen (crazy psychodriver), Claud, saysay, and Kara, I will love you forever. Most importantly, I leave my undying fire, pride, and love to the Niles West Girls and Boys swimming and diving teams forever and ever. Don't ever give up the fight.

Peace Love faeries rosiechwal

I leave to my sisters all the luck they need to survive life in this school with all its rules and regulations. To the rest of the school I say "Have fun and good luck because you'll need it."

K.G.

Thanks for everything, Mr. Schwarz! And remember, like father, like son!

Tiffany Sakolsky

To all the underclassmen: Relax & enjoy high school because these 4 years will fly by. Try & have fun with whatever you get involved with. I want to wish all my friends good luck in college.

Scott Sabin-Class of '97

Hi everybody! The year's been fun, so I decided to leave the junior class of next year luck (for my sister). To the seniors of next year: if you have Dr. D for physics, you'll have lotsa fun, trust me. Next year's sophomores, hi.

THE BIG RED DOG

To my freshman brother: I leave all my rolls of tape I've stolen from Doc.

Jason

To the ex-sophomores, we leave the following. Tim: goldfish crackers. Martin: plastic eggs. Josue: a license. Albert: a book of truth or dares. Steve: a not-so-sensitive car. Mark: a little basket. Cecil: plants for your backyard. Mike M: my backpack tag. Brian H: a hatchback. John: shotgun. Ioan: "My Cousin Vinny". Good luck next year. We'll miss you!

Daddy Long Legs & Shorty

Elaine: To my fav cousin, you're one of a kind & I wouldn't have made it this far without you. Beata: Hey sweetcakes! You're the best! I love you always forever & more.

Love, George

To all the swimmers: I leave all the fun times at morning practice.

Dan Casetta

Neepa Patel(still a freshman): I leave you these shoelaces so you can tie your shoes tighter for the years to come. I hope for you that no one will steal your shoe(s). Good luck trying to overcome your problem! Good luck to all my other Indo-Pak buddies out there & also remember to make me proud years. Ha, ha, ha.

"Jigu" (Jignyasa) Patel

To all the drafting students: Here is a little advice to make your life a bit easier- ALWAYS lock your drawer. NEVER play solitaire & ALWAYS read the "bible". Good luck! P.S. Remember always, "SAM, I am!"

Ann

To all the "sick" little kiddies at the Nurses office, I leave behind a new supply of crackers- to replace the ones I polished off over the years.

To our freshman friends(Joe, Dan, Chris, Navid): We have you the energy to get through the next 3 years. Bean will be there for you when you graduate, as well as during you high school career. I, Jen Rinkor, leave you my car to drive. God knows you need the practice.

Love, Mighty Mouse & Mr.Fantastic

To Clarissa(& anyone who dares): I leave behind the secret tunnels of Niles West, the Little Women video, & speedy elevator rides with the ever-petrified Eileen.

Liquid Nitrogen

To Paul Torres: My 4 years of putting forth my best effort to the swim team has come to an end, yet you have 1 more year to step up & take action. Senior year is your year, make the best of it. Swimming with you has been an, oh, interesting experience. Save me some state tickets & I'll come home & watch you swim.

Jason

To Nora: I leave my love & friendship forever. I leave you our memories, hopes, & dreams. Don't forget our cake fights, Washington D.C., New Year's, skiing, Snowball, WinterKallah, or youth group. Remember our good times at Homecoming freshman & junior years and junior & senior proms. All the best times in my life were with you. I will miss you more than anything in the world! Start saving for your e-mail bill! I love you & will be thinking of you always. P.S. What is a Moope anyway?

Love forever, Niki

To Mariah-thanks for four years of friendship. I Love You! Dre-papers full of formations, cheers, and sidelines. How did we ever survive?! T-a tape recorder so we can still have our "talks". P.P.-bottles of tanning oil and lotion. What else will you do in FLORDIA?! Ana Banana-my shirt which you've had for the last three years! Shelly-C.R. will always be a physics mooch. K.L., my second grade best friend-an italian turkey sandwich from Graziano's and a workout schedule. Let's get buff! Double Trouble-a road map so that you find your way home from the Paladrome. L.H.-thanks for EVERYTHING! C.M. and L.P.-an apology. Y.K.-a ride home sometime Joel P. and his crew-Are you guys G-sters?! And to my sweetheart-I leave you my trust, honesty, and love. You are truly my best friend.

Goodbye West, Jill

I would like to leave all my possessions, including my periodic table, my championship bulls ticket stub, my Olympic ticket stub, my Chandler's & a picture of my dad, mom, sister, & my term paper.

To MP: another endless summer & a life full of happiness. I'll be yours forever. I love you. To KB, JC, & BY(my 3 friends till the end): confetti fights, pick-on-ben days, a brown car with a blue trunk, & another Cubs Game in the snow. To AM: good luck with the West Word-you'll need it! (2 words-wrestling column). To the Baseball team: a years supply of Matt's & Sunflower Seeds (I got your curveball right here!) To Geens: Boog, HAG-nur, picking on the Dawg, & a big HRACH for President. To most of my teachers & friends: thank you & good-bye.

To all my Latino Club: I leave you the club. i'm hoping I made it a little better & you guys enjoyed this year. Take care. To the Player Crew: I hope to see 2 of you next year at Western & the other 2, I leave you the school to take over & rule. Don't ever forget-"Players 4 life".

Love, Wendy Vega

Romeo: I leave the memories of that locker where we first met & our first snowball fight outside. I didn't mean to push you! Thanx to your freshman gym teacher for letting you in late after that kiss in the hall.(Hey #25, you look hot in your baseball uniform) I just wanted you to know that I'll always love you. To Mike & 88. thanx for beating me daily! Mike: I'll give ya' luch money anyday & don't forget to keep in touch. To 88: I'll give you the best charlie horse yet! You deserve it! Casetta, you've got the best back massage in Savage's class. Thanx! To Barb Sam: We can say goodbye to 2 very strange homeroom teachers. Ewww! Jennie, you're the only one that spells it "ie". Not much to say cause I'll see you over the summer! Veronica: Thanx for the homework! To Mr. Fontana: Adios

C-ya DJ (Scrap)

I, DJL, SOLEMLY SWEAR TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH & NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH...CT: Kodak moments to last a lifetime & T-Mobile Jr. L"Ann"N: "Great minds think alike", cheers to strawberry drinks, pager buddies til my battery runs low. CH: A friend & big bro for life. You're 1 in a million. Don't forget me. NL: XOXO AT: Te amo mucho! "Glowing stars" & me in your pocket. DK(aka Weezer): The 3 amigos. RP: "It's a small world after all." PC: IOU indefinitely for the rides. NC: "Bye-bye Kuya"! Filipino Club: "Pinoy Power"...may it live on! Samantha& Elmer. To everyone else, that has been a part of my life. I want to leave whatever is left, but there's nothing!...SO HELP ME GOSH!

Hey Snowball, how do you feel? Sue: Hugs, sexy hugs, & more hugs. It's all good. Cindy: from 7th grade gym to econ. bus rides to shows we never went to. Alex & Emily: Drool is cool! (Shh...don't tell jenny!) Kim: 3 & 33-party on & party harder! Sandy: Wash D.C., MOOPE, Grease, ----head, jello, Mike's, phone bills, prom, Alanis, & her alarm, sleepovers & road trips. Thanks for being such a special part of my life. So whatever happened to Jay-Jay?

Love, Nora

I leave to my bestest friend Niki, broken marriage vows, "Hey, put it back", Aaron, & endless confessions on AOL :) I leave to Paula Pisani, computer nerd & DAGO LUV! To the Fab 5, I leave many memorable nights of partying & a 3:00 am visit from Gus at Jack's, & long-lasting fights (which we can't seem to get over). To JK, ET, VG, PK, & GK, I leave a long-lasting friendship that has been developed throughout these 4 years.

SK: Never forget our 1sts (ozone, Beeb's house). RP: NW would never have been boring without our famous yearly, or daily fights (Amundus- spell it Renanda-spell it). TT: You'll always be 1 of my BFs. Thanks for being there for 7 years (even though I don't care). Friends 4 Ever. Love Ya Guys.

AS, Bas, Rob, Jamoca (Paco/his bro?) JK: What's up with the hair? J/K. AJ: My 1st Lincolnwood friend. Call when u have g-probs. NN: Thanks for all the rides/prob solving sharing. Guju Clan (SP, JP, PP, NP, MP): I'm glad I met all of u.

Love ya, BJ

Malissa: What can I say? You know it all. Oh yea! Can I have some gum? Sammy: I'm glad we were able to put all the pettiness behind us. Dorianne: I will never forget you. Renee: I'm going to miss you; keep in touch. Thanks for Bio & Western Civ. Monica M: Thanks for just being there. I know we all don't have the answers,but understanding me really helped! Kara: it's all too weird, but we're going to make it regardless. You are the Runner & you're already halfway to the finish line. Mr. Brandes: Thanks for our talks. Don't let anyone get to you. Keep Ann Hutchinson in your heart! Ms H: Thanks for having faith.

I, Kara Isaac, of relatively sound mind bequeath the following. Everyone on the swim team, Coach S, K, Van, & Lou: thank you for the laughs, love, & family. May all your hair turn red! Erin P: let your light shine! RC, GR, RH: the homeroom quail squad, all the rollerskaters in 5-7 gym. Nancy: thanks for all your help in theory; I couldn't have passed without you! 14-16 Oakton Lobby: I love all you guys! First semester econ: especially LL for your strong heart. U R one in a million! BY: may college bring you all the joy you deserve. RK: our morning caravan to La Escuela. I told you so! Barb: to the new friend whom I've known for years, left-handed blondies work in pairs. Ana: keep your spirit alive through your poetry & beautiful voice. you're very special. Sus: to the best locker & the best partner, I love ya kid! TV & Genius: afterschool hallway hugs & e-mail. Ssui: LTY & ED! Sof: I love chocolate mint bombs! MV, JS, DD: 3 deep & wonderful humans. Palindrome: You know who you are! Never give up on hope & talent you possess. You're capable of so many things. Believe & you will achieve! Schwarzy: Who'd have thunk psoriasis would be spelled with a "P"?? Thank you for everything!

To Vic & Praneeth: Enjoy your high school days! To Christi: Bo is soo hot! Cross-Country was great! too bad beefcake doesn't know anything! Our adventures with Betsy won't be forgotten. You're a true SportMarty! To Mika: You better not forget me! Give your phone # to guys you know so you won't get those crazy calls! To Michelle: Thanks for being a great friend. To Ms. Moore, Mr. Weatherington, Mrs. Jaffe, Mr. Duffy, Mrs. Raffanti, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Magnuson, Mrs. Baumeister, Mrs. Rauser, Mr. Beaumont, Mrs. Armour, Mrs. Sloan, Mr. Medlin, Mrs. Kracht, Mr. Meyer, & Mrs. Hillier: Thanks for making my high school career a great one! I had a great 4 years that'll be cherished memories. George, George, Keith, Raphael, & Renjan: You guys are great friends! Keep in touch!

Love, Renuka

To D: you're my best friend. You're like the sister I've always wanted (Lisa doesn't count.). You've always been there for me. We've gone shopping, on mini-road trips, countless numbers of hours on the phone, or just hanging at home doing nothing. Thank you for always listening to me. You've been a true friend. Good luck in everything that comes your way. To CT: thanks for always lending me your ear. You're always there when I need you. Especially when I needed you to talk about Bozo & Cookie. Thanks for all the rides. Fiesta tiempo. To PZ: Calm down you anarchist, & thank you for lending me your ear. Just pick up the phone if you need to talk. To Aggie: you're the greatest tennis partner in the world. You've always got my back hand covered & I got your forehand. Thank you for being a great friend. To Kiwi: We've known each other for 9 years. That's a very long time. Thanks for always being the level headed one between the both of us. Good luck in all you do. "Friends love at all times" Finally, to the person who made my last 2 years in high school special & worth remembering...Bee-Bee, you know how I feel about you. Thank you for understanding me even though sometime you couldn't. Mahal kita at walang iba. To everybody: Good luck with the rest of your lives; see you in 10 years.

Buh-Bye, LAMN

I leave this music montage...To Mel: "Tip toe through the tulips" & "Drive" 16 times. To Cindy: "El Gallo Pinto", "Pigeon Jong", & "Scrambled Kite". To Danny: "Hello Sheba". To Spear: "Can you picture that?" & "Jeremy". To Sue Suss: "This thing we call Divine" in the Olds. To everyone else: I leave Pink Floyd's "Your possible pasts", "Do you remember me? How we used to be?" (Do you think we should be closer?)

Nikki (and Joey Joe Joe Jr Shebado)

A warning to anyone still in command of their possible future to take care. J, c'mon baby. Take a chance on me. Nuk-Nuk: Joey Joe Joe Jr Shebado, Floyd, Puds, 17 years. Thanks for the hips. U R my friend because you're cool. C-Dawg: Etown novmeber snowy nights. "This would be the best song to...", Metro de repente, "Your man's back". Thanx 4 life; you'll be great.

SKA and men

To Reni (the locker partner of a lifetime): Thanks for the support & strength you've given me and reminding me what life's all about. Even though destiny has led us to two very different paths, I hope we'll remain forever friends. Know in your heart that you'll forever have a place in mine.

Love Always, Rehana

To all the students of Niles West, past, present, & future: As much as you hate things now & you can't wait for that final day, do take some time to enjoy yourselves because this place isn't all bad. Treasure your friends while you can because they do slip away and never, ever forget your high school days (no matter how much you want to!). "In my younger & more vulnerable years, my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since. 'Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone, just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had'." (*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald) Bye-Bye NiWeHi!

...AND LEAVE THIS AS OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

JUNIORS

Report to the Lieutenant

Before attaining the highest rank, you have to survive one of the toughest levels. The dreaded ACTs and SATs, the fun of starting to worry about college and entrance into the wonderful world of Advanced Placement are all part of junior year. Still, junior year also represents a big step towards freedom-a driver's license. Report to the juniors' section and find out about year number three.

Ricardo Acosta
Rebecca Adelman
Brian Alexander
Mahnaz Ali
Zeba Alikhan

Jeff Alita
Chris Anderson
Patty Andritsakis
Huma Ansari
Beverly Aprieto

Alit Ashwal
Juan Ayala
Kimberly Bacher
Alexander Bajgrowicz
Racie Balajadia

I love my doggie.
A fire hazard ready to happen! Amanda Moyer, Nicole Prato, Ralph the Dog, and Andrea Mueller sit in the hall blocking others who need passage.

Lindsey Barlow
Matt Barnett
Michelle Barsky

Helen Belesiotis
Justin Bender
Kosta Benetatos

Nugie.
Infiltrating the junior section, senior Nick Cimmarusti gives Maher Fakhoury a nice, gentle hug as Albert Rufin waits idly by for his turn.

Beauty, Brains, and Brawn

She is the last of one of our school's legacies. She is the very last Koo that will walk our halls. Nobody appreciates constantly having to follow in someone else's footsteps, and this story was not written to suggest that Sarah Koo is molding to those footsteps. Instead, this story gives an opportunity to prove that Koo has definitely found her own niche in this school.

Koo is one of the few students who is accelerated in the true sense, and that means academically, musically, and athletically. Koo is soon to be a captain of the girls cross country team and she was placed on the varsity soccer team her sophomore year. If that isn't enough over-achieving, Koo is also enrolled in AP French and BC calculus. She has made such a profound impact on her class that her table partner in calc, senior Nick Dallas was compelled to say, "She's sexy, smart, and plays the cello."

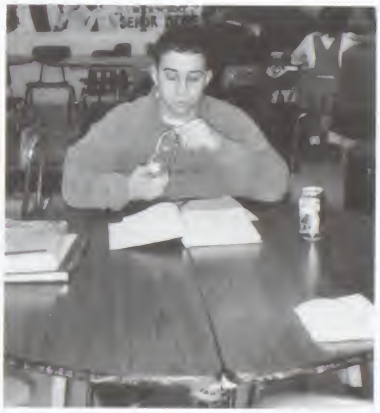
One of her outshining characteristics is her beautiful cello playing. Eleven years of dedication led her to be able to tour with the Encore Chamber Orchestra in England as first chair in the summer.

by Reni Kim

Vanessa Betance
Tom Beveridge

Hoor Bhanpuri
Naiya Bhatt

Andrew Bieschke
Haris Bilal



A good ol' bag o' chips.
Adam Kriticos closely examines his the bag in which his lovely Fritos are contained. Breaks are a wonderful time to ponder such things as, "where does corn come from?"

Bernardino Bingayen
Crystal Amber Biver
Dennis Bobac
Lisa Boldt
Elena Boodris
Ioan Brad

Jennifer Brame
Jason Braslawsky
David Brown
Jenny Brown
Roxanne Cabading
Sunshine Cabrera

Jose Calderon
Nicole Carranza
Dana Cash
Kimberly Cedilla
Kevin Chan
Jason Chen

Benefits of the Misfits

Finally after two years of facing the pressures of high school life we enter the upper class. What is so great about it? Why is it such an honor to be part of the upperclass? "Respect, it's all about respect," says junior Bryan Paliza.

When one is a member of the upperclass there really isn't anyone that can ridicule you. Most of the underclassmen long to be upperclassmen for position and rank. Furthermore, the school is no longer a labyrinth to you. The halls are now familiar sight to one's eye. In addition, wisdom is gained on the journey to the upperclass. As a member in the upperclass, one knows all the quiet study areas, which lunch line serves what, where the science and music wings are, tricks to get out of school and class, etc.. One can even say that maturity is a benefit of upperclassman life. "Sometimes I look back and see all the freshmen running around and yelling and I wonder if I was that annoyingwhen I was a freshman," said Huma Ansari.

Many benefits come with being in the upperclass. However, being an upperclassman shows just how fast life goes by and how the years just slip away.

by Tylor Robinson

Steve Chiu
Daniel Cho
Sung Hyun Choe
Grace Choi
Tonia Chronopoulos
Derek Chutipisalkul

Laura Cohon
Lisa Colbert
Jennifer Collopy
Caroline Costa
Maneul Cuaresma
Doris Dadayan

Andrew Dahan
Vincent David
Nicole DeRaimo
Kristen Degenhart
Michael Deguia
Eric DeLaCruz

Stage right.
With Mr.Batts at their side, juniors Aviva Gibbs and Stacey Lucas scan their lines for the upcoming scene. Both girls are extremely active in the theater department.

Sitting pretty.
Junior Brian Gitlan intently focuses on the game while mentally willing the other team to fumble the ball. Gitlan prepares a strategy as the offensive line takes the field.

Adrienne DelGenio
Samantha DelMundo
Ivana Deronja

Alexander Devera
Scott Dibasilio
Alex Diz

Irina Dobre
Steve Drebos
Katie Drott

Thomas Dymek
Blake Eastman
Angela Endres
Jezreel Escobar
Raheleh Eskandar
Maher Fakhoury

Adam Federman
Marcos Feldman
Ania Figueroa
Alice Filip
Daniel Flood
Kris Frake

Bridgette Franz
Michael Gabler
Silvia Gasca
Jean Gavina
Dina Georgas
Carol Georges

What page?
Exercise your mind, read. Juniors Diana Rumsley, Shrara Isho, Chris Albrecht, and Frewey Lewy intently concentrate on interpreting a passage in their english novel.

What happened?
What are you trying to say? Junior Jamie Iannotti converses with friends in the cafe during free-time. There is always a juicy story floating around the cafe.

Evil Cannevil
Look mom, no hands. Junior Zach Halloran shows off his driving abilities, but his companions juniors Johnny Leblanc and Jean Metellus don't seem too worried.

Helen Giannakopolous
Aviva Gibbs
Angela Gikas
Brian Gitlin
Ryan Goldflies
Elmer Gomez

Marnie Goodfriend
Aldwin Gordula
Charmaine Grandinetti
Jordan Greene
Seth Grossman
Kelli Gscwind

Erin Guetzlaff
Sabrina Guillen
Walter Guminiak
Jason Hall
Andy Hamada
Nancy Han

Vivian Haritos
Michael Hedstrom
Curt Heller
Cecile Hernandez
Maykel Hernandez
Bryan Heuer

Dimitra Hilas
Amy Hildebrandt
Amalia Hobitakis
Michael Hoffman
Breandan Holmes
Joanne Houmpavlis

Grant Hsing
Zafreen Husain
Almas Hussain
Uzma Hussain
Jamie Iannotti
Jessica Ideno

Danielle Isaacson
Betty Jacob
VeronicaJaimes
Jessica Jamruszka
Michael Jansson
Lincy Joesph

Help.
Puzzled with confusion, junior Jenny Paddick offers her expertise to junior Tim Wisnar before class. The cafe is usually a good place to spot a friend who will help you cram.

Hurry.
Juniors Nancy Han and Beverly Aprieto make their way down the stairs before the bell tones. During the passing periods the congested hallways seem to move at a crawl.

Steve Joung
Francis Kambool
Hubert Kambool
Basil Kambool
Margaret Kamyshina

Jamie Kane
Marcus Kawakami
Mika Keegstra
Shamiran Khoder
Joanne Kielar

Grace Kim
Hyun Kim
Jin Kim
Julie Kim
Lisa Kim

It'll only cost you $10. *"Trust me, it's fool proof," junior Mike Hedstrom tries to sell fellow skeptical classmates his study guide that will guarantee them an "A."*

Mi-Young Kim
Min Kim
Stanford Kim

Yuri Kim
Daniel Ko
Kathy Kong

Friends forever. *Junior Lindsey Barlow hangs out with two new pals at Chuckie Cheese. Besides playing skee-ball one can also dance the macarena with Helen Henny and Pasqually (A.K.A. junior Nicole Prato).*

Homeroom Happenings

7:30 a.m. The modular bell tones as the last stragglers waltz into homeroom, to see a sea of familiar weary faces trying to cope with the start of another day. The ever-so-popular voices on the intercom inform one lucky listener that car license plate B 106 297 has its lights on. Three jokers pop up to say "That's my car. Gotta go!" which produces little response except for few snickers of weak laughter from the sea of dead bodies. A select few collect their cute little reminder slips of their upcoming Saturday detentions as the morning mail is distributed. A representative from some club or another presently tries to promote his cause to the nonresponsive crowd. As one glances over to his classmate, he awakens to the fact that he also had some non-finished homework. While this individual furiously tries to find a pencil and scribble down the workbook pages, others cram math formulas into their programmable calculators, hopeful that their teachers won't be around to check during the test. Plastic zippers of make up bags combine with the snapping of compacts to create a morning musical melody, as gossip floats about the room. As one starts to sit back and relax, that modular bell tones again, ending this ten-minute homework haven and replaces sentiment with the new stresses of the day.

by Lynde Hopper

Sarah Koo
Elise Kopke

Stephen Kopke
Maria Korkofigas

Chrystyna Kouros
Jaimie Kozlowski

Caught in the act!
Juniors Blake Eastman and Michael Gabler try to sneak off campus for lunch. However their plans change once discovered by security.

Martin Kramarz
Courtney Krell
Adam Kriticos
Helena Kryuchkin
Mark Krzyston
Vinod Kuruvilla

Neda Kusolvisitkul
Rob Kyte
Joey Lama
Jane Lane
Justin Langwell
Sheryll Lapenia

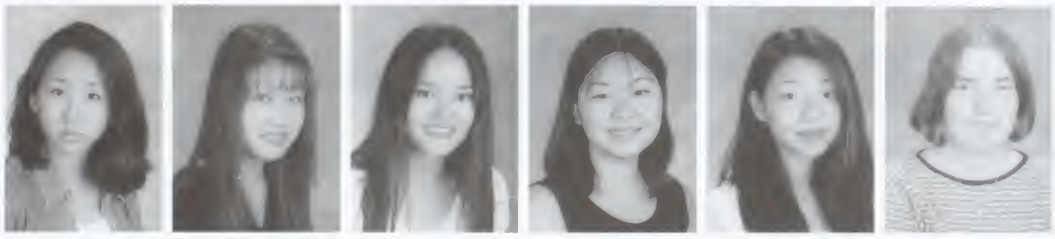
Terri Lappas
William Larimore
Alice Lee
Anna Lee
David Lee
James Lee

Just look.
Look right here, it's in black and white, clear as crystal. Junior Justin Bender shows his co-worker his fab review.

Learning is fun!
Finding information in the library, juniors Pierre Laboy, Joanne Houmpavlis, Andy Bian, and Vivian Hartios use one of the computers to complete a group assignment. The library has proven useful in various projects.

Goodbye.
Juniors Lindsey Barlow, Nicole Prato, and a hidden friend laugh as their school day concludes. Many students carpool with friends before and after school.

Jennifer Lee
Jenny Lee
Katy Lee
Linda Lee
Linda Lee
Natalya Leskov



Melissa Levy
Meghan Lichter
Heather Lipner
Jessica Lodi
Stacey Lucas
David Luksik

Lena Lulias
Kristy Lussi
Tony Ma
Rhonda Macejak
Aatish Madhiwala
Edward Mahnke

Tell me more.
Junior April Stone listens as a Pommer friend tells her all about her exciting day at school. Lots of people stop by the cafe at the end of the day to get something "for the road" and talk about the day's woes.

Cecil Mahoney
Snezana Marinkovic
Tracy Martin

Adam Mathes
Jessica Matik
Kelly McBreen

Colleen McKenna
Karla Medina
Melanie Melissaratos

Dimitris Mellos
Adriana Mendez
Cara Meron
Jean Metellus
Midia Michael
Teresa Miklaj

Lisa Milosavljevic
Jan Miyamoto
Islam Mohammed
Michelle Morgan
Kayla Moskowitz
Amanda Moyer

Andrea Mueller
Michael Mueller
Johnny Mui
Cesar Mulingbayan
Gina Mun
Jackie Muniz

Ah, the cafe.
Juniors Blake Eastman, Alpert Rufin, Elaine Kim, and Maher Fakhoury use their free time to hang out in the cafeteria. The cafe is a common place for socializing during the day.

Knowledge is power.
Junior Adam Kriticos concentrates intensely on absrobing information through his fingertips. Students will try anything and everything when under stress.

Lending a hand.
Here, try this. Junior Anthony Ricotta offers a suggestion to junior Jean Metellus while junior Jason Hall veges out.

Alinda Muszynski
Jennifer Myung
Hee Eyun Na
Johnathon Naanep
Bianca Nanfria
Adriadna Navarro

Ilona Nazarians
Rita Neesan
Christopher Nelson
Kristofor Nelson
Demosthenes Nikolopoulos
Philly Nkeaka

Irene Nones
Ryan Oroc
Hugo Osorio
Lyla Padiernos
Bryan Paliza
Hijschen Panares

Sara Parchuta
Andrew Park
Chaihyo Park
Michael Park
Sang Hyun Park
Prashant Parsram

Bhavesh Patel
Rushi Patel
Jennifer Patyk
Garrett Pautsch
James Pelletier
Theresa Perez

John Perry
Becky Persino
David Persky
Reena Phillippose
Ahron Piell
Aristotelis Pirillis

Jackie Plett
Laura Poch
Erin Pollyea
Robin Potter
Michael Poulopoulos
Nicole Prato

Convertible cruising. *Varsity cheerleaders Paula Tushbai, Beverly Aprieto, Jennifer Lee, and Debbie Rosenfield wave enthusiastically from their "hot wheels".*

Plastic Freedom

One of the most awaited events in a teenager's life is getting a driver's license. To many, this is a new found freedom only felt by those 16 years and older.

Having a driver's license means getting to school in a car instead of the school bus or going out on a Friday night without your mom saying she'll pick you up at ten because she can't stay up any longer. Many teenagers will do anything for this freedom.

"It was like 'Finally!'. I hated asking people for rides. Now my next step was just finding a car," says junior Ari Pirills.

And once the license comes, there is, of course, a need to have a car to go along with it. After all, what fun is a license without a car?!? This presents a problem for most teens. Being so close to freedom and not having the $10,000 to fund it is really irritating. Most teens get jobs to pay for insurance. Another popular solution is buying a used car from a friend or family member.

Whatever it takes, be it getting a part time job or earning straight A's, students always find ways of taking advantage of their plastic freedom.

by Kelly McBreen

Ghazna Quershi
Dragan Radojcic
Kim Rantz
Nancy Rayan
Jennifer Reifenberg

Michael Rheinstrom
Eun Rhim
William Romero
Melinda Rosario
Debbie Rosenfeld

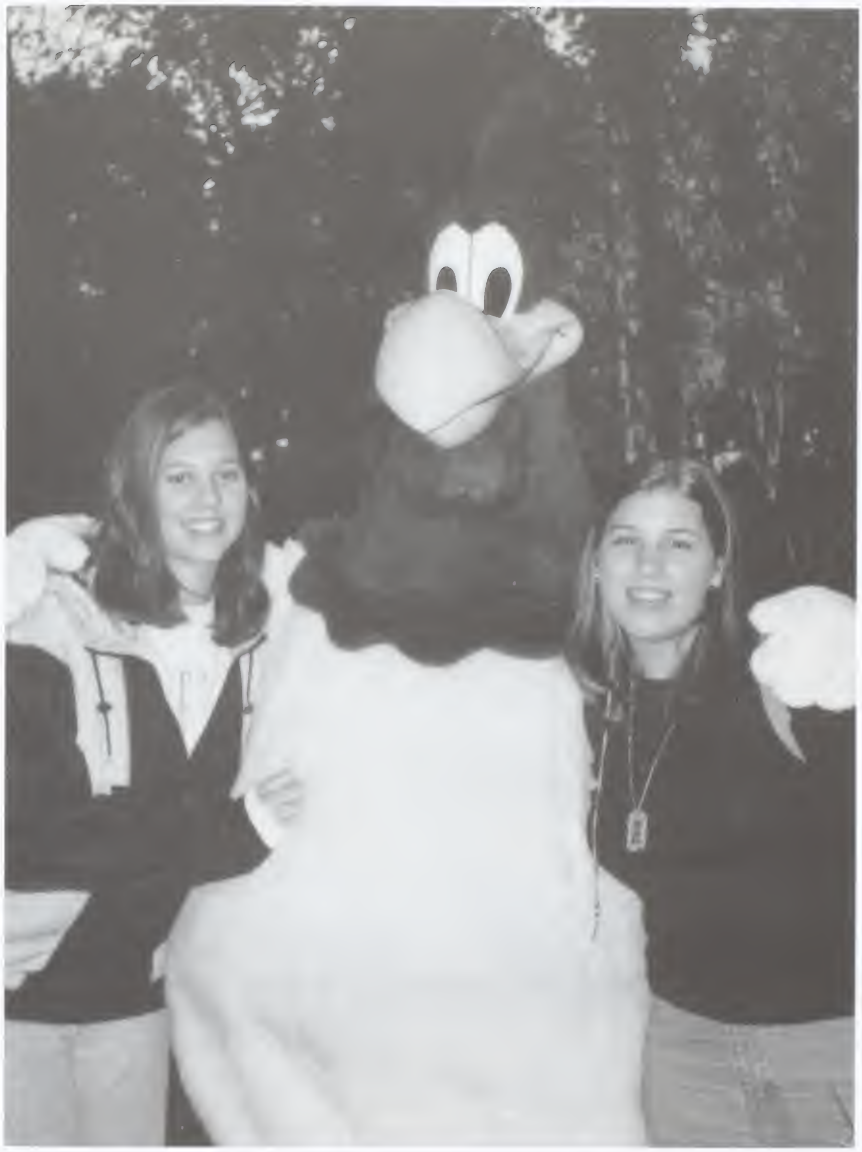
Britt Rothman
Alpert Rufin
Darlene Ruiz
Diana Rumsley
Dorota Rus

Roomy. *At the end of a trying day, a group of juniors cluster in the back of a friend's car to pose for a picture. Maybe they're planning to go camping later and want to make sure that they have enough room. Good Luck guys!*

Jennifer Sabaduquia
John Sagun
Saddaf Saudye

Sandy Schertzing
Bryan Schmidt
August Schuller

Thought provoking. *Juniors Elaine Kim and Hyun Kim concentrate intently on their food while in the cafe. Cafe West offers some fascinating dishes to ponder over.*



Making friends.
While at Great America, juniors Nicloe Prato and Lindsey Barlow pose to take a picture with their new friend, Foghorn Leghorn.

Nina Schwartz
Michael Segura

Susanna Semaszczuk
Vincent Serio

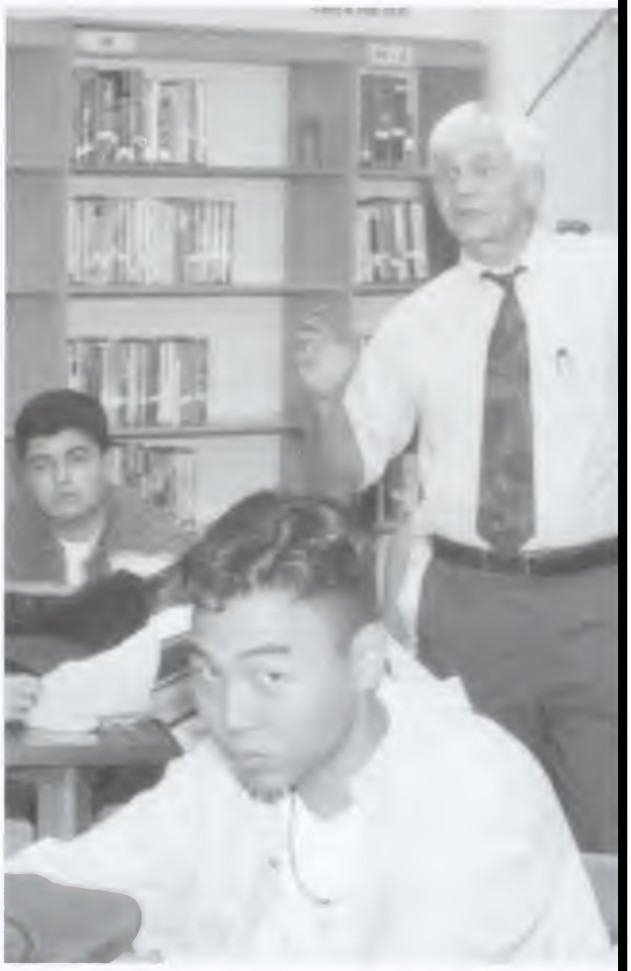
Amish Shah
Afshan Shamim

Vera Shcherbakov
Keita Shibusawa
Cathy Shin
Glynda Sibal
Faraz Siddiqui
David Silverman

Anand Singh
Heidi Smith
Timothy Smith
Suzanne Smolik
Bruce Snyder
Jinyon So

Cathleen Song
Nancy Sotelo
Sofia Souflaki
Daniel Spitz
Tim Stevens
Marley Stolarska

Studying how long do you



When it comes to making the grade, you'd think that students have the study problem under control, right? Wrong! Many still have a problem and when trying to have a social life, some don't even give when it comes down to an A or an F.

Some come straight home from school and hit the books, while others don't care how much or even if they have homework. Usually, it's the freshmen and seniors who don't want to study, and the sophomores and juniors who are keeping their fingers crossed and trying to be the best they can be. Still, there are exceptions to the rule.

To achieve the best grades, Junior Jin Kim studies about three hours every day. (Of course that's hard to believe coming from someone who keeps laughing while answering the questions.) Kim says, "Grades are very important to me. Right now I'm getting A's and B's."

So, does one rule apply to everyone? Hardly. Some students think grades are the most important things of all, while others don't care the least little bit. Still, one question remains: how is it that some of those students who never study can still get good grades? Is it luck or something beyond that? If anyone knows, please tell me.

by Tarak Shah

April Stone
Jennifer Suh
Elia Sung
Andrew Swets
Kelly Szlak
Dawn Tarica-Kemp

Charles Tayona
Christie Tienchai
Chris Tirovolas
Paul Torres
Rosa Torres
Maria Tragas

Alfred Tsao
Paula Tushbai
Jennifer Udoni
Katherine Uyeno
Elizabeth Vargas
Gabriela Vargas

spend?

Hi there.
Over my right shoulder we find the auditorium doors and lobby. Junior Mika Keegstra gives a tour of the school to an unseen visitor.

Jim Varsamis
Alex Varshavskiy
Brian Vecchione

Giampiero Viteri
Jovan Vojcic
Brigid Walsh

Oh no.
Sitting in the IRC, junior Dae Kim pleads "Don't call on me," while social studies teacher Mr. Bovers explains a class project. The library can be a quiet place to study or find information for assignments.

Lauren Watanbe
Erin Weinstein
Wendy Whiteside
Kate Wielgus
Sheryl Williams
Michael Wills

Britt Wilms
Aaron Wishnoff
Tim Wisnar
Scott Wood
Laura Woods
Liz Wozniczka

Slvana Younan
Tanya Younan
Paul Zairopoulos
Mike Zagorov
Joesph Zale
Joseph Zeman

SOPHOMORES

Speak with the Sergeant

The second year of your climb to the top is tough. There's a feeling of ecstasy at no longer being the youngest. There's also a feeling of frustration at not being upper class yet. Still it's all part of your progression through the ranks. See the sophomores and get the scoop on their promotion from being freshmen.

Say Cheese.
Cheerleader sophomores Shana Smith and Stephanie Snyder wave to the camera during the 1996 Homecoming Parade..

Lunch Time.
Having a sandwich Shawn Shermen, licks his finger, while Becka sees a photographer taking a picture. Smile she says to her friend setting beside her.

Two paws Up.
The sophomore cabinnet sit in their fleat as a picture is taken. Each of them give one paw up.

George Adamidis
Gregory Adas
Gideon Adler
Viki Agorianitis
Jessica Aguado
Haseeb Ahmed

Nasreen Ahmed
Sun-Young Ahn
Karen Akiva
Andrea Allen
Angela Alomia
Margarita Alvear

Nicole Alvear
Janice An
Patrick Andres
Stephanie Anton
Katie Apelian
Mickey Arabelovic

Joe Argos
Natalie Aziz
Emilie Babicz
Corrie Balbauf
Nicholas Bappert
Sonia Barot

Nicole Bartl
Andy Bautista
Polina Bedrikovetsky
Telly Benetatos
Brian Beveridge
Gennie Biederer

Katie Bieneman
Amy Blickhahn
Vlad Bokserman
Vincent Bondy
Michael Borja
Nathan Bradley

Matthew Brown
Patrick Brown
Daniel Brunetti
Ivana Buljubasic
Joy Caloncagon
Andrew Carmean

Homework Time.
Joel Pasia picks up his can of Pepsi as he sees his friend eyeing his homework. Do it yourself , Joel says.

Stress Before Tests

There are many ways people study, and of course cram for tests. Usually a test is known of at least a week before hand, the question is how and when the individual decides to study.

Generally the most popular form of studying is the "cram" method. In other words the day before the big test people live off coffee and spend the whole day trying to cram six weeks of information into a few hours. Typically the individual does not get a good sleep and is not able to perform his best ability.

The much better method is the one where you take a few hours out of every day that week to study and by the last day, you won't have to cram because spreading the work over a week's time will help one remember the information better.

The biggest tests of the year's are "the dreaded finals", before finals everyone is majorly stressing and trying desperately to remember all the information so they will pass the tests. This week is very hectic and most people are typically moody.

After the tests are over, however, is the fun part. Everyone relaxes to a party mode and the pressure of school is postponed.

by Shannon Hardesty

Elizabeth Carrera
Shantea Casey
Dionel Castillo
Hera Cha
Sara Chaiken

Lesley Chan
Rawiwan Chantawanich
Lily Chen
Steven Chertow
Eddy Chin

Jenny Cho
Ji Hyun Cho
Junhee Choe
Janet Choi
Tom Choi

Smile for the birdie. *Sophomores Geraldine Tzgnatatos, Patti Sveronis, Vicky Saltis and Helen Psihogios mug for the camera while hanging out in the Auditorium Lobby.*

Janine Ciemny
Dianne Cochran
David Cohen

Elizabeth Comrov
Kathy Corrigan
Eliot Costianis

Who turned everything upside-down? *Sophomore Caroline Ishida shows off her headstand while at a friend's house. Then again, maybe she's got finals and wants to increase blood flow to her brain.*

Eleven years of long, hard practice have finally paid off for sophomore Randee Kagan. Randee started her career at the age of two. She practiced everyday after school for five hours, before school and on Saturdays. All her effort started paying off as Kagan became a professional gymnast. Her most honorable awards were 5th place on bars at State, 1st place in team competition at State, and 11th on the bars at regionals.

Randee also had a chance to go to the Olympics but chose not to. This was an impossible decision to make, but Randee wanted to have some time outside of school and practice for herself and her friends. One day, all her work came to an end as she decided to completely quit gymnastics.

"My parents never pressured me to do anything. It was a hard decision because many of my friends were from the gym. Sometimes I regret quitting because maybe I could have gone somewhere with gymnastics, but I'm pretty happy with my decision. I'm not going to pressure my kids into doing gymnastics, but I might enroll them in a class or two," Kagan explains her tough decision.

by Marley Stolarska

Ciprian Cuc
Mark Cunney

Nicole Curry
Jesus Custodio

Maria Dallas
Leonard Dalmacio

What if.....

Get down.
A group of sophomores party down at the annual Frosh-Soph Mixer. After all the pressure of beginning a a new school year, the Mixer is a great chance to unwind.

Katrina DeOcampo
Christopher Deano
Michelle Deja
Michael Dell
Marko Djurovic
Jason Duda

Ron Duran
Leo Delfin Dy
Derek Edwardson
Emily Eisel
Nick Ellinger
Jennifer Ernst

Natalia Filipovich
Richard Flosi
Jorina Fontelera
Gabriella Fonzetti
Christopher Fortman
Scott Frake

Let your colors show. *Sophomore and Colorguard member Emily Eisel proudly waves her flags in a display of school spirit in the Homecoming parade.*

Mike Freeman
Craig Fullerton
Manda Gack
Glen Gaode
Karla Garcia
Marice Gascon

Thomas Gawron
Mark Gavina
Mitesh Gheewala
Pete Gikas
Jillian Goldberg
Arthur Goldshteyn

Jacob Goldsmith
Sharyn Gordula
Genevieve Gosun
Maggie Graham
Kimberly Greenfield
Terry Hagio

A toliet paper snowstorm.
Sophomores trudge up the stairs for the start of another exciting school year. In addition to the t.p. storm, we also had terrible winter storms that closed school for a day.

Farah Haider
Sara Hansen
Lizzie Harris

Shayna Harris
Brian Hart
Steven Hedeen

Christopher Hedquist
Mary Pat Hellum
Alex Ho

Dan Huscher
Darrell Ilagan
Dima Imseth
Camaran Inglesby
Caroline Ishida
Pamela Izvanariu

Jessica Jafari
Eric Jimenez
Sojy John
Stash John
Lauren Johnson
Linesh Joseph

Sora Jung
Randee Kagan
Sapna Kamdar
Tiffany Kane
Diana Kang
Maryann Kattezham

Knocked Out!
Sophomores Arthur Zaramba and Arthur Goldstein take a nap after a long day. Sophomores stress out too.

Work, Work, Work.
Sophomore Shannon Hardesty creates a fabulous layout for the yearbook. Many staff members work hard to create the 276 page yearbook.

The same old routine.
Sophomores spend quality time relaxing and eating in the cafe. Sometimes the same old routine can get boring.

Adam Kellman
Flavio Kiam
Andrew Kim
Bang Kim
Charlie Kim
Eric Kim

Esther Kim
J.J. Kim
Luke Kim
Michael Kim
Paul Kim
Richard Kim

Sonja Kim
Latoya King
Thomas King
Amanda Kinney
Kelly Kinslow
Susie Kinsman

Vesna Kljajic
Joann Kochikaran
Jane Kokevich
Sandi Kollath
Shiny Korattiyil
Jamie Koser

Joesph Kougias
HelenKoutsovitis
Scott Krell
Kenny Krueger
David Krzysko
Alexandra Kurkova

Denise Kyriazopoulos
Shairee Lackey
Sheila Lakhani
Jennifer Lane
Eva Lappas
Cecilia Lee

Jennifer Lee
John Lee
Ronald Lee
Sang Lee
Sung Kyong Lee
Susie Lee

Relaxation Time
Sophomores Caroline McDonald, Shannon McNeila, and Jennifer Rottener spend their break in the cafe. Many students socialize with their friends on break.

Look ma, no hands!
Excited to get to class, sophomore Vincent Bondy finds a quicker way down the stairs.

Lindsey Lehman
Helen Lerner
Evangeline Leventis
Deborah Levine
Leocris Leynes

RebeccaLigas
Esther Lim
Frances Lim
Jimmy Lochner
Shayne Loiotile

Claudia Lopez
Marianna Lyulchenko
Elizabeth MacLennan
Maggie Majerczyk
Kristina Mallorca

Cruisin'. *Sophomore homecomig attendants Claudia Mitria and Elliot Costianis ride in a convertible with Ms. Nanciann Gatta. Both take part in school activities such as gymnastics, poms, football, and wrestiling.*

Reid Mammoser
Melanie Manego
Aaron Marshall

Jillian Matik
Kelly McCoy
Caroline McDonald

Memories. *Sophomores Hillary Gack , Manda Gack, and Tamera Beitzel walk cautiously towards the school since it had brought back taunting memories of Freshman year. Every year the school gets teepeed for events such as the first day of school.*

Quiz: Are you a wise fool?

1) How do you feel about Freshmen?
a) They are too perky.
b) They seem lost.
c) They are too small.
d) Too cool
e) All of the above
f) none of the above

2) Do you drive?
a) no
b) No, but soon
c) Yes, in drivers ed
d) Yes, Illegally

3) What science are you in?
a) Biology
b) chemistry
c) earthscience
d) Or are you too smart and in Physics

4) How do deal with bullies?
a) Tattle tale to older ones
b) run
c) smile- Let them do whatever they want
d) nothing cause I'm a bully my self
e) get revenge

5) What do you do afterschool?
a) practice d) sleep
b) eat e) homework
c) work f) just chill

6) What color is your hair?
a) natural
b) colored
c) i don't have hair
d) i don't know

7) How do you get around?
a) get rides
b) steal the car and drive
c) bus/cabs
d) bike/ rollerblade

1) a.4 b.3 c.2 d.1 e.5 f.0
2) a.4 b.3 c.2 d.1
3) a.2 b.3 c.1 d.4
4) a.3 b.4 c.2 d.1 e.1
5) a.4 b.2 c.3 d.2 e.4 f.1
6) a.3 b.2 c.1 d.0 e.0
7) a.4 b.0 c.2 d.3

If you get the numbers between 27-21 then you are a mature sophomore. You are ready to become an upperclassman.

If you get the numbers between 20-14 then you are a neutral. You are not quite ready to become a senior but you are getting there.

If you get the numbers 13 or less you are a wise fool. Get your act straight!!!!! The next few years are no joke!

Shannon McNeela
Elizabeth Medina

Danny Mendoza
Pascale Metellus

Kristey Michalak
Keith Miller

Michael Min
Jeff Miszczszyn
Claudia Mitria
Andy Moghina
Amina Mohammed
Monica Morariu

Christopher Moy
Jacqueline Moy
Jonathon Moy
Scott Mueller
Bryan Nabong
Charles Nadolski

Michael Naidas
Katherine Naka
Carolyn Nakai
Rumson Neesan
Jessica Nem
Joann Noche

A Class neglected

Every grade is known for something. Freshmen are known as the "newcomers." Juniors are the "worriers" and the Seniors are the "leaders." But what about the Sophomores? What's so significant about them? Why are they important? Many Sophomores are upset because they just don't get enough attention.

When it comes to attention, Dave Brodsky wants all of it. He said, "We don't get the respect we deserve. We don't goof-off like Seniors, but we do our homework unlike Freshmen." I guess he's saying that Sophomores are in the middle, but isn't the middle child always the neglected one?

Being a Sophomore is great; just ask Derek Edwardson. "Think of it this way. We're not leaders like Seniors, we don't have to worry about SAT's and ACT's like Juniors, and we don't get pennies thrown at us like Freshmen, so we're in good shape." If you think about it that way, I guess Sophomores really are the most important. Yeah, and O.J. is innocent. I don't think so.

Sophomores don't have to be angry. They may not get enough attention, but that doesn't mean they aren't important. So what if they're in the middle! They still serve a significant purpose. Without Sophomores, who can the Freshmen blame their misery on?

by Tarak Shah

Mary Noonan
Shannon O'Neill
Linda Oh
Nida Omran
Maria Oroc
Benjamin Outland

Khristine Padiernos
Angela Park
Minnie Park
Peter Park
Patima Patarmekin
Neepa Patel

Nirali Patel
Vogini Patel
Melissa Patterson
Stacey Paul
Leonid Pelts
Jessica Perez

Sophomore Mike Borja dribbles quickly down the court to make a basket. Speed and agility are two important skills to play the game.

Elizabeth Perri
George Persekian
Robert Peterson

Jeny Pinarkyil
Drasmin Pierre-Louis
Donald Pisula

Mark Przbylski
Scott Purtell
Joshua Putt

Buddies
While in the cafe, sophomores, Elizabeth Perri and Angela Alumia stop for a minute to take a picture. On the windows is the artwork done by art classes and the art club.

Saad Quadri
Arlana Ramos
Bruno Rasich
Karishma Raval
Joe Ravenna
Elizabeth Rehfeldt

Derek Reich
Michael Repel
Josh Reyes
Amy Rheinstrom
Steven Rogers
Christina Roiniotis

Lara Rosenbush
Leslie Roth
Jennifer Rottner
Caroline Rzwenicki
Dara Sacher
Erik Sachs

Don't bother me.
Sophmore Vince Bondy finds a nice quiet place to sit and study and what better place than your locker!

Color me spirited.
Members of the Color Guard perform during halftime at one of the many football games. Color Guard adds a visual accompaniment to the marching band.

Shhhh.
Students take advantage of the computer system in the library to find various information. These computers are available to students as well as teachers.

Heidi Saidai
Alain Salvacion
Sam Sammartino
Eric Santos
Julian Sauer
Eric Scanlan

Michael Schaab
Sara Scheibe
Steven Schmidt
Dustin Scneider
Brian Schorsch
Lauren Schreibstein

Laura Schroeder
Marc Shubert
Shaina Schulman
Laura Schutt
Harry Sdralis
Bella Seperghan

Tim Sepulveda
Roshani Shah
Scott Shapiro
Ayesha Sheikh
Marina Shoffer
Stella Shon

Kathy Shoykhet
Mara Silver
Mariam Siddiqui
Anna Sinagra
Joanna Sinagra
Marianna Singer

Lori Sison
Elisabeth Skillen
Shana Smith
Kathryn Smoody
Stephanie Snyder
Matthew Sola

Michael Soriano
Jarrett Spiegel
Vicky Spiratos
Paul Stachowicz
Bobby Stathis
Hyun Seung Suh

Shaun Sutter
Becki Swain
Huzaifa Tapal
David Thorton

Extra! Extra!
West Word staffer, and sophomore, Azam Hussain puts some finishing touches on his story for the paper. Hussain was one of West Word's news editors, along with senior Sofia Javed.

Good morning.
Three sophomore friends make their way past the photographer while walking from the parking lot to school. Early in the morning, it's always fun to be blinded by a flash.

Angel Tillis
Ronon Tipan
Sofia Tirovolas
Yuliya Tkachuk
Athena Toliopouplos

Bryan Torio
Sherri Torrecer
Lisa Torres
Huong Tran
Jeff Tucker

Max Tucker
Elizabeth Turk
Maria Tzakis
Bindu Varghese
Edwin Vdovets

Say Cheese!
Hey, yoo-hoo! Over here! Take a picture of yours truly! Sophomore Tiffany Kane is definitely not camera shy.

Phil Vella
Irene Vergos
Nick Verveniotis

Francis Villegas
Diana Volarevic
Victoria Vraja

What's happening?
Sophomore Helen Psinogios puts on her smiley face as she steps out of the car.

Play that funky music!
Time flies when you're having fun, so sophomore Sam Ahn is taking a break during the Frosh-Sophomore Mixer.

Tom Vranas
Miryana Vujoshevich

Veronika Vyazovsky
Thomas Wattenbarger

Jeannette Weidner
Jonathon Welbel

Laurie Welsh
Brynn Wexler
Michael Wherfel
John Wimmer
Ryan Wirth

Lowell Yap
Nancy Joy Yasay
Vivian Yousif
Chris Yu
Roger Yum
Nick Zafiropoulos

Andrew Zalon
Ozzie Zarate
Arthur Zaremba
Joesph Zbilut
Scott Zehner
Joanne Zimmer
Gwen Zoldan

FRESHMEN

Take Rookie Roll Call

You're just starting out. You're new to the game, a rookie, a beginner. It's time to explore your new world and learn from your elders. Do a good job and you'll soon be moving up to a new position. Take a look at the freshmen and see what starting out is all about.

Top ten freshman fears

Whenever people start a new school, they always have fears. Some may be outrageous while others are common. Some freshmen fear getting taped to a pole or locker. A common fear is tripping down the stairs or in the hallways. When asked, Megan Goebel said, "I was afraid of the teachers." A few freshmen surprisingly said that they were afraid of getting locked in a bathroom.

The top ten freshmen fears are...

10. "Getting peenies thrown at me."
9. "Losing my ID."
8. "Losing my calculator."
7. Losing my schedule." (Do you really have to look at it after a week?)
6. "Forgetting my locker combination."
5. "Getting on the wrong bus or missing the bus."
4. "Going to the wrong class."
3. "Getting lost."
2. Tripping down the stairs and in the halls."

...and the top freshman fear is...

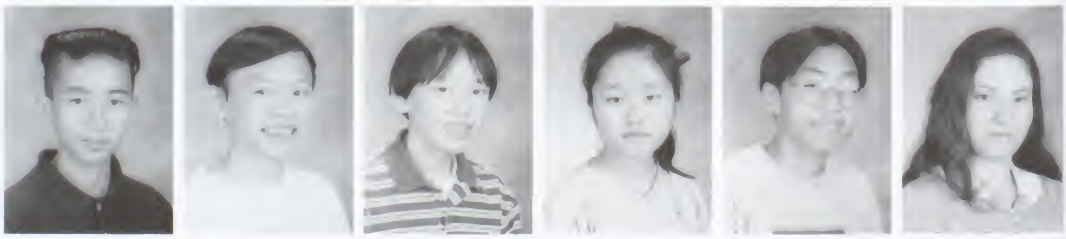
1. "Having breaks and classes without any friends."

by Shayna Duesenberg and Becky Lara

Haaris Abbasi
Shayna Abbey
Nooreen Ahmed
Thomas Ahrens
Raymon Akteebo
Denise Aktipis

Maria Allocco
Carlos Alvarado
Magdaline Analitis
Cassie Archam
John Arends
Javier Argos

John Ray Asistores
Elbert Au
Hubert Au
Jiyoun Bae
Philip Bae
Julianna Batenko



Vivian Beltran
Kathy Benetatos
Maria Benetatos

Thomas Bisceglie
Jessica Blair
Sean Borre

Scott Bosak
Stephanie Boask
Maggie Braun

Hmmm.
Sitting in class, freshman Anna Valehondyas looks over papers before class. Cramming is often one of those trades freshmen learn to master as the years go by.

Humbug.
Standing in the cafeteria, freshmen Lee Gross and Huma Farook hang-out laughing and talking.

Alison Breckler
Michael Brown
Jamie Brownstein
Michael Brunner
Jolynn Buc
Stephanie Burak

Nickolaus Bushman
Mary Joy Carnate
Charlie Cha
Edward Cha
Anthony Chamnil
Steven Chang

Ramona Chao
Amit Chikani
Bonnie Chinsky
Slwia Chmiel
Philip Cho
Thomas Cho

Hey Hercules.
Freshman Eddie Cray looks very enthused to be in his English class. Mythology is a major study in this course.

Pensive Action.
During free time, students are often seen in the library. It provides a quiet and relaxing atmosphere to finish those last minute assignments.

Happy Dwarfs.
While participating in their first homecoming parade, the members of Freshman Cabinet take time for the camera promoting their float theme "Snow White." Class cabinent meets during mods 14-16 during the week to plan school activities and fundraise.

Sunhee Choe
Robert Choi
Kenny Chou
Pauline Chow
Cathy Chutipisalkul
Christopher Ciaccio

Christopher Cihak
Nick Cipicchio
Joseph Conrad
Lauren Corday
Michelle Costabile
Michael Cuaresma

Merlina Dalipovic
Joe Danguilan
Anthony Dati
Honey Faye David
Michael Davis
Tracey Deerfield

Donald Dehne
Afrim Delisi
Chris DeRaimo
Brian DiBasilio
Niki Dimoulis
Milan Djordjevic

Rebecca Donnelly
Natasha Dragoi
Beatrice Drambarean
Jackie Duchaj
Shayna Duesenberg
Navery Eap

Stephanie Edwards
Heather Eisner
Brandy Eisterhold
David Elkayam
Maggie Elzanowski
Dennis Espinoza

Abbey Eusebio
Huma Farook
John Farrell
Annaliza Floresca
Nina Franco
Ryan Freeman

Male bonding.
After school hours, a group of freshmen guys relax in the Oakton Lobby. The lobby seems to always be occupied no matter what time it is.

Oh macarena.
Freshman Tracy Plasencia dances enthusiastically while fellow classmates look on. The Frosh-Soph mixer is a chance for classmates to gather outside the classroom.

Shana Gabriel
Hillary Gack
Urszula Glodz
Megan Goebel
Matthew Goldlast

Gina Goodfriend
Marc Gotanco
Gina Govostis
Yvette Grandinetti
Brandon Gray

Lee Gross
Jessica Hadfield
Lisa Hastings
Danna Hawley
Steven Hedquist

Go West. *Freshman cheerleaders Brandy Eisterhold and Kelly Tracey enjoy themselves at the 1996 Homecoming Parade.*

Bobby Hedstrom
David Hieneman
Jason Henriksen

Tracy Hochwert
Jamie Hoffman
Ben Horwitz

Lets Boogey. *While pausing for a picture these freshman got to know each other better at the Frosh-Soph Mixer.*

Ohmigod.
Freshman Aimee Lee abruptly stops dancing to tell her friend about the guys behind her.

Stavroula Houmpavlis
Janice Hsu

Andrea Hui
Heather Hwang

Alejandra Hyun
Christian Hyun

Sun Im
Ramina Ishac
Edin Ivanovic
Kristine Jackson
Amy Jacob
Sandy Jacobs

Kelly Jahad
Jillian Jamruszka
Elisa Jang
Danielle Jaron
Timothy John
Jeong Bae Jun

Isaac Kagan
Hanna Kang
John Kang
Mary Kanno
Gary Kanter
Paul Karagiannis

A Fresh Start to Life

Being a freshman means having to begin a new life at a new school. Here's a pre-view of what happened in the first week of school from a freshman's prespective.

Monday- It's best to get to school around 7:10AM. Some students come to school on the school bus, while others get rides from their parents. The unfortunate ones have to start the school year by walking to school. Most classes are forty minutes long. Once a student can count off forty minute blocks of time, life is good.

Tuesday-A boy is seen walking toward the bathroom. It turns out he was freshman Octavio Lara, he explained "I almost walked into the girls bathroom." Turns out he didn't read the sign before walking in.

Wednesday-Freshman Ambreen Quershi was walking her friend to her bus stop. Ambreen went the wrong direction. Then a guy came up to her and asked if she was a freshman,"I said no and left", Quershi replied.

Thursday-During mods 18-19, freshman Dennis Norris decided to get food from the cafe. Instead of eating the food, the food was thrown at him. That's what happens when a freshman sits at the senior section in the cafe.

Friday-At the end of the day, the whole student body went to the pep assembly. Each class sat in a specific section of the gym. Soon pennies were thrown to the freshmen, which seemed to be coming from the senior section. Freshman Carrie Plett said she was hit by flying pennies. Who threw them? "My sister and her friends, and their friends' friends". She probably collected about a dollar in pennies. Not a bad way for someone too young to get a job to earn some extra pennies.

by Grishma Shah

Toby Kavukattu
Maria Kharitonova
Priya Khatkhate
Christina Kim
David Kim
Don Kim

Eunji Kim
Han Kim
Jane Kim
Ji Kim
Joanne Kim
John Kim

Sung Kim
Tim Kim
Tony Kim
Lisa Kiorkis
Lora Kiorkis
Kyle Klipowicz

Jive.
At the ever-famous Frosh-Soph Mixer, freshman Nahraine Stone discovers how fast she can snap her fingers to the music. Dancers often did that to keep their rhythm.

Evan Korkofigas
Dorothy Kot
Jason Kotas

Nicholas Kougias
Ross Kozlowski
David Kraus

Edward Kray
Jason Krynski
Catherine Kuo

Hola.
Camera-shy freshman Jimmy Stoneberg doesn't consider himself to be a morning person and doesn't wish to capture the moment.

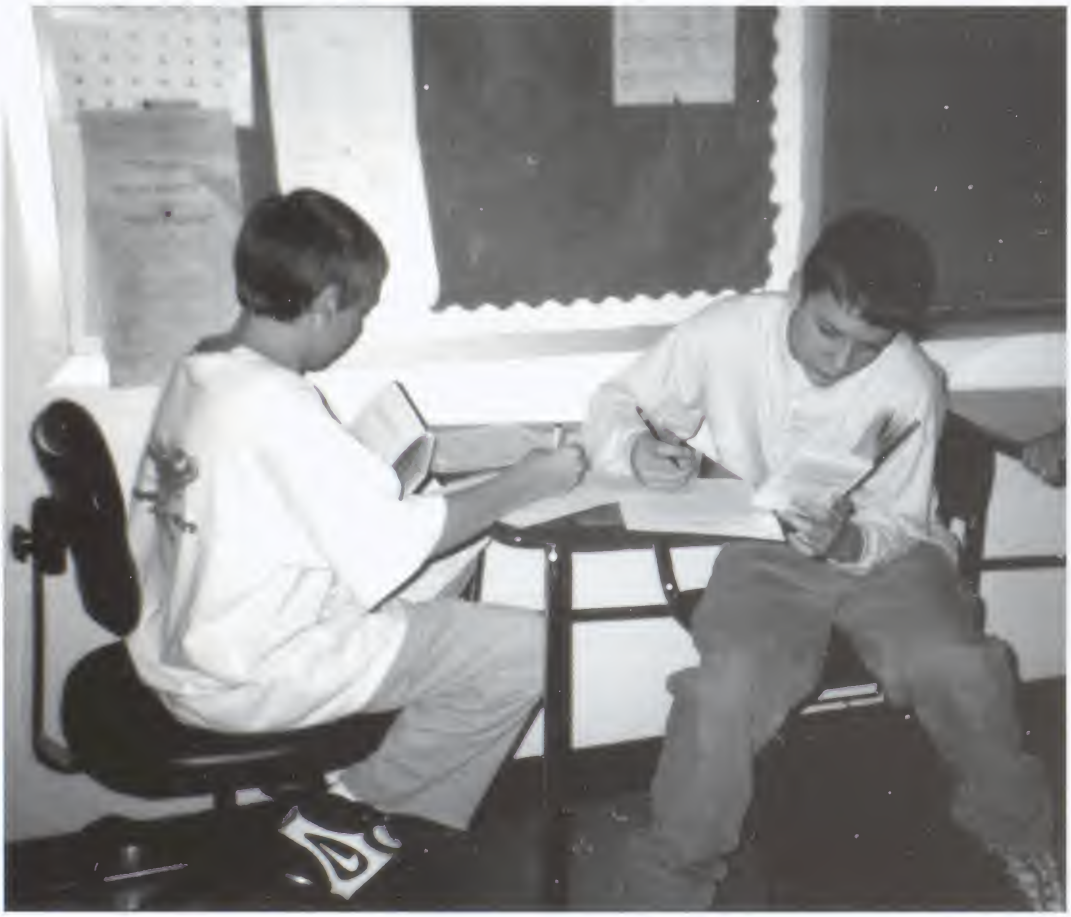
Kameeshia Lackey
Rebecca Lara
Anna Latallo
Joesph Laughlin
James Laxamana
Isabel Lazo

Aimee Lee
Connie Lee
Ji-Eun Lee
Stephen Lee
Kathryn Leisner
Amber Levin-Amici

Sara Lichter
Amy Lim
Raquel Lim
Jason Limjoco
Jay Lin
Erika Lindstrom

It's Morning!?
Freshman Stephanie and Natasha Dragoi Hwing look forward to the early wake up call and march to school with a smile on their face. The smile dies as the years go on!

Look at those pearly whites!
Freshman Sung Kim smiles for the camera at the Frosh-Soph Mixer dancing to "Jelly Head". The students had a blast as they gathered with their new made friends.



I should've read it!
Freshmen Keith Foss and Billy Govis concentrate on an in-class assignment as they browse through the novel "Of Mice and Men". Freshmen read many novels throughout the year including "To Kill a Mocking Bird", "Romeo and Juliet", and "The Odyssey".

Sarah Lisle
Aubrie Loeffler
James Lombardo
Adrian Lorincz
Karl Lursky
Terry Ma

Daniel Macias
Adrienne Mackey
Thomas Madathil
Kiran Madhav
Elizabeth Magnus
Colleen Maibuecher

Sarah Marchesky
Marcela Marcus
Diana Maric
Tenyson Maroor
Mary Martinez
Valerie May

Erin McNeela
Liza Melidonian
Vanessa Mendez
David Miller
Rebecca Miller
Zoran Milovanovic

Inna Mirsky
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Patrick Nelson
Reatsery Nem
Allison Nevalga
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Jennifer Noell
Wendy O'Kane
Carolyn O'Neill
Kelly O'Reilly
Natalia Olmos-Caballero

Help me!
Freshman Eunji Kim and English teacher Ms.Gatta share a few words at the English Resource Center. If you need any help and don't know where to find it, stop by and simply ask. You'll be glad you did!

Get down, freshmen!
The Frosh-Soph Mixer consisted of many freshmen this year, but not too many sophomores showed up. Each person had a blast as they danced to their favorite tunes and showed off their dancing techniques.

Kathy Olszewska
Nikola Orlic
Dan Ottlinger
Samantha Pabon
Ji Chul Pak

Christopher Panagakos
Jennifer Panares
Roshni Parikh
Jung Park
Sara Park

Sun Hyo Park
Nima Patel
Pinkey Patel
Christopher Perea
Simon Perkowski

Just Hangin'. *These three Sophomores are enjoying life as they hang around in the cafe. Just look at the smiles on their faces!*

Erin Perzov
Tran Pham
Theresa Piekos

Happy Go Lucky. *Without color guards, the band would be just another hum-glum. Just ask freshman Danielle Jaron, who is proud to be part of the guard. She has spirit written all over her face!*

1996 was a depressing year for religious followers. Cardinal Joseph Bernadin died of cancer in November. Millions mourned his death and came to his public funeral. Freshman Tennyson Maroor recalls of the day he went to Cardinal Bernadin's funeral.

"I went into the church and everyone was sad. Many were crying and weeping. I had to wait in a long line just to look at Cardinal Bernadin's face one more time and to pay my respects. I came with my church group, and I could tell they were depressed. I saw his face for the last time, still yet peaceful. I said to myself we were going to miss him. It was a day I will never forget."

Millions of people and followers came to pay their respect to Cardinal Joseph Bernadin. Tennyson Maroor was very fortunate to visit him one last time. We miss you, Cardinal Bernadin.

by Tarak Shah

Tracey Plasencia
Tim Popvici

Megan Price
Melissa Quinn

That day in fall

The Beginning of the End.
The day has finally come: the first day of school. By the look in their faces, Freshmen Wendy O'Kane, Danielle Neitlich, and Venessa Mendez are worried about the first year. Just look at the chalk graffiti on the wall!

Ambreen Qureshi
Sulaiman Rahman
Irfan Rajpari
Afshan Rashid
Bejamin Reed
Freya Riel

Rachel Ritter
Daniel Rivero
Victoria Rosario
Andrea Rosenfeld
Anthony Rusinak
Geoff Sabin

Wilbur Salvacion
Shiela Santarinala
Oli Santos
Jackie Sauer
Laura Schachtel
Scott Schiewe

Watch for Change

Whether it's figurative or literal, change is everywhere, especially in the world of a freshman. As the world pushes forward changing and advancing, freshmen are especially affected. The transformation from junior high to high school accompanies a change in friends, classes, BUSSES, and outlook. Likewise, as one obtains more freedom and responsibilities, a personal change follows. Change is not only a figurative description of freshman life, it is also literally thrown at them during pep assemblies. Like a penny hurtling at one's head, change is scary. Pushing your way through the congested hallways full of unfamiliar faces can be frightening. Nothing can prepare you for fighting with the vending machine man over the change you lost when attempting to purchase M&Ms, or the perils of high school. Change affects us all, but never fear, in time everything will become clear.

by Lynde Hopper and Jane VanderMolen

Open apple S.
Typing her literary analysis of Romeo and Juliet freshman Kelly Tracey makes use of one of the many resources open to students in the writing center.

Paula Schreiber
Dan Sebastian
Grishma Shah
Rishita Shah
Tarak Shah
Danny Shammas

Dennis Shamon
Kevin Shapiro
Natalie Shaw
Rachna Sheth
Tina Sheth
Jennie Shimanski

Susan Shin
Aisha Siddiqui
Jeff Slabas
Jeannette Sliwinski
Paul Smith
Tanya Soce

Whaddaya wanna do?
Debating whether to have lunch in the cafe or to eat out, freshmen Shana Gabriel and Saima Alwani realize they are destined for munching on cafeteria cuisine considering freshmen are not allowed off-campus privileges.

Shhh... I'm studying!
Freshman Judy Bera studies some notes in the science wing, a popular study place for those one-mod breaks which are too short to be able to go anywhere but too long to do nothing.

Party animals.
These freshmen gals groove into the night to their favorite radio mixes and slow jams at the annual frosh-soph mixer sponsored by the sophomore cabinet.

Daniela Solovastru
Francis Son
Won Song
Patrick Spina
Spiro Spiratos
Stella Stephan

Kim Stephans
Tonya Stettner
Michelle Stimac
Diana Stoic
Angie Stolis
Nahraine Stone

Jim Stoneberg
Peter Strauch
Ricki Suha
Susie Sun
Patti Sveronis
Sara Swain

Yellow limosines.
Tanya Stadenski and Melissa Riedler await transportation home, although most freshmen ride luxurious Maierhoffers' to and from school.

All clear?
Asks freshmen Simon Perkowski as he cautiously opens his locker while checking the halls. Wonder what's making him nervous?

Safety in numbers.
This group of freshmen which consists of Sarah Wagner, Yvette Grandinetti, Stephanie Burak, Shayna Duesenberg Juliana Batenko, Paula Schreiber, and Tess Peikos congregate in the cafe. Cliques provide havens for many people.

Shannon Szlak
Caroline Tabamo
Mayura Takasaki
Lycurgus Talaganis
Yiannis Talaganis
Jaqueline Tan

Kristine Tan
Diana Teruel
Gilsky Torrecer
Lauren Tortorice
Kelly Tracey
Sophie Tragas

Richard Trinh
Nicole Tsevis
Olga Tsipursky
Geraldine Tzanetatos
Chris Uhle
Shibu Ulahannan

Sarah VanEvery
Angie Vassiliou
Elaina Vazquez
Jessica Vigil
Gretchen Villaluna
Melissa Villegas

Anna Vlahandreas
Sarah Wagner
Kristina Wakefield
Tracy Walsh
Chan-Yu Wang
Christine Wescott

Ryan Wherfel
Tom Wisnar
Ayelet Wolf
Aliza Yarrow
Charles Yi
Elise Yoon

Nahren Youkhana
Robert Younan
David Yousif
Maureen Zahler
Caroline Zaia
Afsheen Zuberi

Go Home Freshmen!
Senior midnight riders write a warm greeting for the incoming freshmen. Of course the freshmen take it the best way.

Go home Freshmen

"Go Home Freshmen," the chant that every Freshman dreads but expects to hear. On the day they arrive, their hearts beat a little faster. They know that as they enter this new realm of education, it is tradition for them not to be accepted by their elders within the high school walls. What do eighth graders have to look forward to? First of all, the new high school students have to worry about an escalation in academic difficulty. Furthermore, they have to make new friends and dodge the older and bigger people they share the school with. Yet for some reason freshmen overcome through this year of pain. "I'm still suffering from the bruises I got from beatings!" Exclaims Tom Wisnar still recuperating from his bruises.

However, cheer up freshmen, even though things may become difficult academically and socially, things are looking up. In between being bombarded with college preparations, you have many social events to look forward to. The years ahead will bring tough obstacles, and that is when you freshmen will truly want to go home.

by June Park & Tylor Robinson

STAFF

Talk to the Seasoned Detectives

The teachers have been through it all before. They know what it's like, and having been around the block a few times, they have plenty to teach you. Their knowledge can really help you out. Talk to the staff and find out what experience has taught them.

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Science
Marla Levitan
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Director of Math&Science
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Science

Joseph Meyer
Social Studies
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Math
Judie Miller
Art
Dan Rusk
Math
Yvonne Miller
Guidence Counselor

Vroom, Vroom!
Industrial Arts teacher Glen Jurek gives Tony Viglione the chance to see how things work up close and personal. Automotives is a course designed to teach from the book and the real thing.

Teacher Families

by Becky Lara

All of us have families and family activities. We may have to go on family picnics or go to a family reunion. Did you ever think about teachers going on a family picnic? Whether you relize it or not, many teachers are married with families of their own. What type of activites do teachers do with their families in there spare time?

Some of them go on vacations while others go fishing or camping. Mr. Rogoski. said."I go horse-back riding with my daughter."

While gym teacher Mrs. Hillier, has a different approach to family time. "My husband is my best friend. We spend time talking to each other."

Senora Tobalin said, "My husband and I spend a lot of time with our daughter. She is learning how to walk." While you are out shopping or going to see a movie remember that teachers do have lives outside school. If you see them be sure to say hi.

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Science

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Math
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Special Education
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Physical Education
Phyllis Rieman
IRC Coordinator

The Other Side!!!!

Teachers usually know how students feel about extra credit. But do the students know how they feel about the subject? Many students often wonder how their teachers feel about extra credit. Some say their teachers are very picky about the subject, while others are giving it out like candy. When asked how she felt about the extra credit matter, senior Jalpa Shah commented, "Mr. Wack is pretty cool about it. He gives us many opportunities to get some extra credit." When given the same question to freshman Kameeshia Lackey, her response was quite different. "I feel that all teachers are cheap about giving extra credit, that's because they have a minimum and maximum about how much extra credit to be given."

Reguardless of whether or not a teacher gives extra credit, work hard and study the whole semester and you will be fine.

by Grishma Shah

Pass Please!

Social Studies teacher Gerald Boevers isn't lost, he is simply making sure students stay away from the stairs. Many teachers are positioned at various locations throughtout the day to "monitor" the hallways during closed halls.

Shelly Ritz
Math/Science
Wayne Rogoski
Science
Michaela Rowland
Special Education
Deanna Ruiz
Deans Office
Jodi Sacks
Foreign Languge

Patrick Savage
Consumer Education
Barbara Scarbrough
Nurse
Lynne Scholpp
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Christopher Schwarz
Social Studies
Hedy Schwenn
Foreign Languge

Joseph Serpico
Science
Faith Shapiro
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Director of Physical Education
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Math/Science
Jody Weatherington
English
Matt Weatherington
Social Studies
Stan Weitzenfeld
Math
Ron Wendell
Nurse/Deans
Judy Yacker
Director of Instructor Improvement
Cynthia Berry
Special Education
Joy Cheng
Off Campus Learning Center
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Science
Carol Goodfriend
Social Studies
Gail Heidemann
Off Campus Learning Center
Richard Howard
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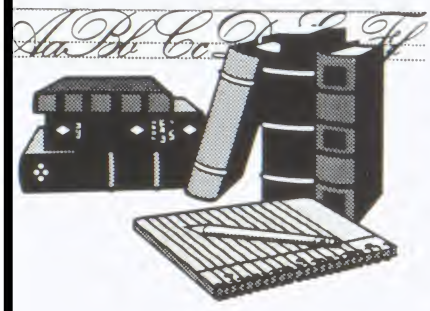
Frank Nathan
Off Campus Learning Center
Robert O'Brien
Off Campus Learning Center
Michael Petkus
Foreign Languge
Tamara Jaffe Notier
English

ACADEMICS

Study the Evidence

True, there is more to school than just classes. There are sports, dances, clubs, and plays. But, you have to admit, that the whole reason for school is to educate. So, as annoying as getting up at five-thirty in the morning can be, it's still very necessary to get to class and learn. Study the academics and see what new knowledge this year has brought you.



Over there!
Penny Swartz helps social studies teacher Troy Bennet's class get started in the IRC. Many of the librarians put in time and research to prepare to present to a class.

Ha Ha Ha!
Students gather around an obviously funny screen to laugh at the new found information. The library offers many sources such as computers to aid students in their school work.

Going inside the IRC

For all the freshmen still in wonderment, the IRC stands for Information Resource Center. Throughout the years there have been many changes in the IRC. Yet some don't see the whole picture. There is some confusion on what exactly the librarians do in there and how they deal with the latest technology. All these questions and more are answered when you go inside the IRC.

The librarians' staff cut dramatically changed their work load. In the past, there were three librarians who handled the IRC. Mrs. Reiman was the librarian coordinator with two more librarians to help with classes. Nowadays, since the staff cut, there is only one reference librarian and classes must be split between two people without a lot of "prep-work," commented Reiman. Nonetheless, there are a great deal more new resources students can use to better familiar themselves with certain topics. "There are always new products to review before putting them out on the shelves,"said Reiman.

Along with the 96-97 school changes, there are concerns towards the hours of the IRC. Some teachers believe longer hours can be beneficial. "They should add a librarian and keep it open," said Spanish teacher Edmund Murphy. The IRC is willing to experiment with extended hours to better fit everyone's schedule.

The librarians or lib/technology media specialist job has changed over the years. This is mainly because of the new technology that keeps surfacing. The librarians go through reviews of computer programs, CD products and of course comments on books before they are put in the IRC. "This is a benefit to our students, and one of our goals," said Reiman. So, the next time a librarian helps you out with that large project the latest CD ROM products, say, "Thank you," they deserve it.

by Michelle del Pino

Ohh, I get it!
Junior Racie Balajadier patiently waits for junior James LaBoy to finish using the computer. That is a problem, too few computers, too many students.

Click click.
Amber Biver and her friend cruise the internet looking for cool websights in the IRC. The IRC computers provide many opportunities for students to locate information.

See what I mean?
Social Studies teacher Gerald Boevers works to get his class's attention. Many classes meet in the IRC to have many types of different information at there fingertips.

Help me.
Junior Hugo Osaria gets some friendly advice from librarian Penny Swartz. The library not only contains a load of books, but the librarians are always helpful.

Give me a hug.
Mrs. Spritzer shares a nice moment with her daughter on their trip to Hollywood.

Procrastinating.
"Is that a Mountain Dew stain on your biology report?" wonders senior Danny Spitz.The cafe is not only a place to eat but is also a homework haven.

Wha...?
Senior Nick Dallas shares a confusing moment with the country's most known presidents during his trip to Hollywood with the marching band. Will he be the next face on Rushmore? Let's wait and see.

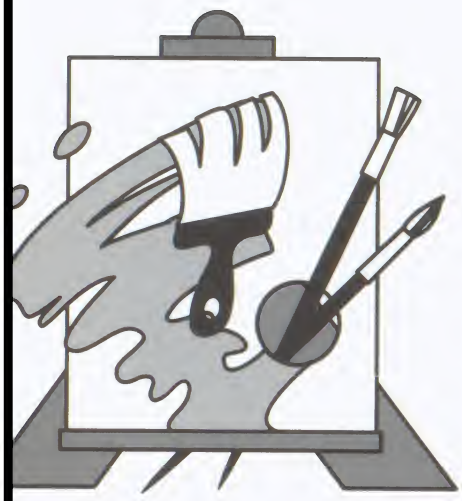
Free time.
Senior Dominika Wawrzyniak works to complete an assignment. Many students view free time as a "God sent."

Stress is the Monster

Stress is a student's worst enemy. It slowly creeps up on an unsuspecting freshman when she realizes that finals count for a whopping 25% of her semester grade. And then she realizes that this grade will be a permanent imprint on her transcript, the one that will be sent to colleges in four years. And the college she attends will determine her future.Ohmigod. Stress is a monster. But, the monster grows the largest her junior year. It eats its favorite food, SAT's and ACT's and AP exams, and then grows a bit more when finals near. Once senior year rolls around, the monster puffs up some more due to college applications and essays and MORE AP exams. Then second semester appears and she'd think she can relax a little, but the monster grows immensely as she waits for college acceptances and rejections. Pretty soon, the monster is too big for its britches and she makes it shrink when she is finally accepted to the college of her dreams.

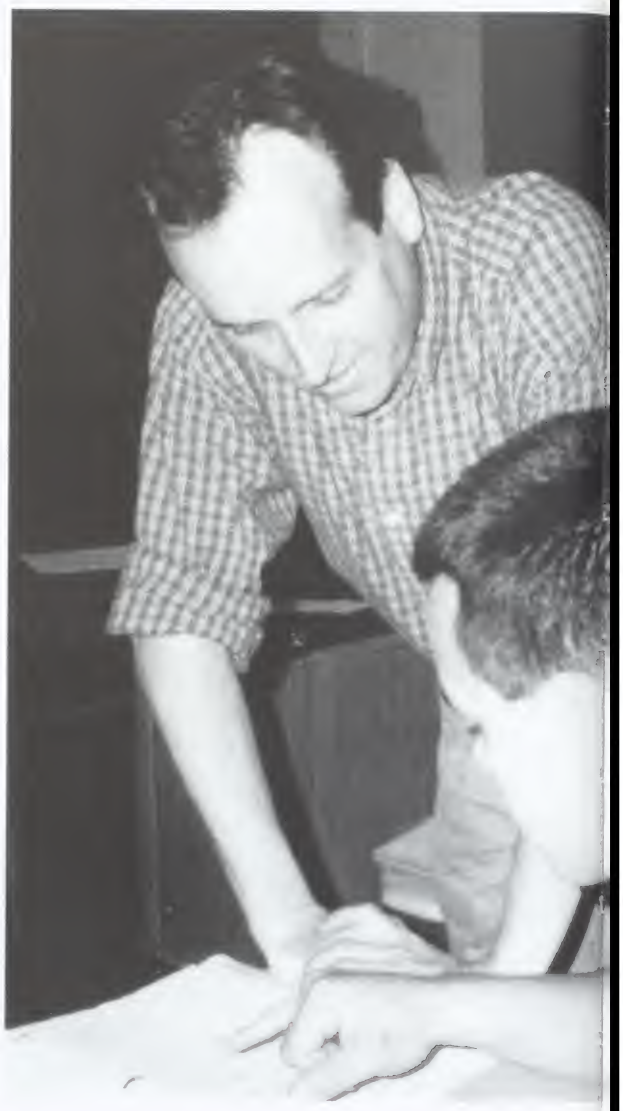
How do most students cope with the stress that comes along with high school? Senior Christi Policht deals with it by standing on her head and contemplating her place in the world. Kinda like monster. Some take a more practical approach what Jerry Maguire did, huh? Another stress manager would be those little stress trinkets. Because of all the stress that is instilledin students, the stress balls are very popular. Eucalyptus is a very pleasant smell that is supposed to soothe those aching shoulders from the huge and take a good long jog around the block. Junior Sarah Koo says, "The cold air gives me a good slap in the face when I need it."

by Reni Kim



I think I can. *Sophomore Cecillia Lee works to complete a West Word assignment on time. West Word like Spectrum has many deadlines to meet .*

Numer Zwei Bitte. *Sophomore Nick Endres gets some last minute tips on native prepositions from multi-lingual Steve Beaver before a test. German students learn many different techniques and short cuts to learning the language.*



Wierd Assignments

What would you think if your teacher told you to go shopping for clay? Well that's exactly what art teacher, Gary Davis asked of his kids. The reactions from his students were mixed, some thought this was weird, some didn't care, and others thought the project might be cool. Off the wall assignments are not very common in our school, maybe that is why when students are given an assignment like Davis's, some students are perplexed.

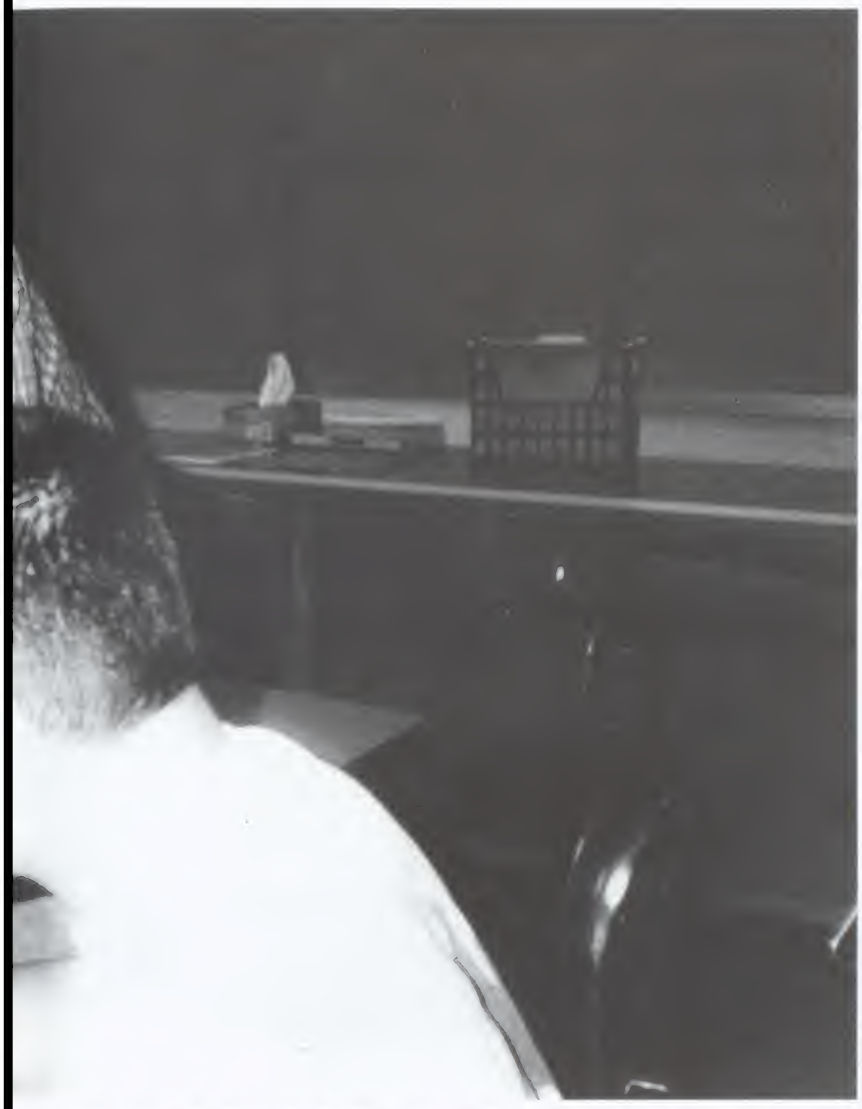
Another assignment that is considered weird amongst the students is the popular "Marriage project" in family living. This project requires students to go out to stores and pretend they are married.

After acting out the roles, students realized the assignment was actually fun. When questioning the students, they replied, that weird assignments like these may seem pointless, but actually help later in life. Not all teachers give unusual assignments, but when you think about it, it makes learning a lot more fun and interesting.

In the art class the students got some real hands on experience, and in the Family living class with all the fun they had acting out the roles, then actually learning in the process. They learned a few skills that will help them when they got married.

So if you have a weird assignment remember this, "Don't judge a book by it's cover!!"

by Shannon Hardesty and Lisa Kuman



Ooh. Locker.
Senior Amanda Erickson is abiding by the established locker manners by only opening her locker at an even ninety degree angle as our senior cabinet president Erick Oh tries to unlock his.

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Senior Jerome Jovero leads the tune of the marching band as the children of Madison watch. Every yearthe marching band plays for Madison and Edison schools.

One more paragraph.
Senior Tracy Peterson finishes up some last minute reading. Macbeth is a favorite among senior English teachers.

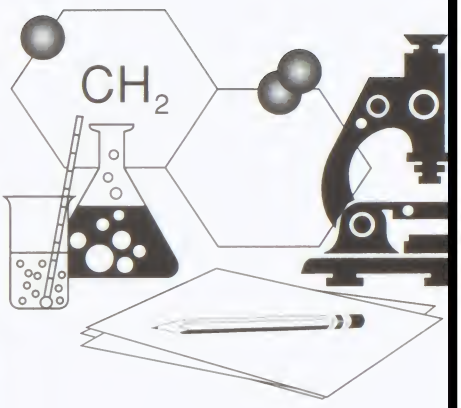
Double, double...
Senior Marsha Brady finishes up Shakespeare's "Macbeth" during a quiet reading period in her English class.

Thinking makes my head hurt.
Sophomores Jenny Jones and Jill Smith try to make it through one of the many, many tests students take during their high school careers.

Teamwork.
Junior Amish waits for Academic Bowl teammate senior Angelo Ramos to finish the bonus problem so that they can compare answers. Academic Bowl meets once a week to work on problems and to practice game skills, like buzzing in.

Steamin' up.
Measuring the temperature of the solution, Juniors Sam Smith and Joe Blow ask chemistry teacher Ann Levinson if their goggles look good on them. These AP chem students should be thinking about intermolecular forces, but they're wondering how much steam will build up in their goggles.

A picture? Now?
Junior Susie Smith tries to concentrate on her American Lit work in spite of being interrrupted by the probing eye of a camera. Students in American Literature read such classics as Mark Twain's Huck Finn.



The Hands-On Hour

Throughout our time here, we are bound to experience some unusual things while in a lab class (you know, the ones that last four mods). Whether the class is a science course or a home economics course, the lab class can set the stage for some unusual events.

In chemistry, some potentially dangerous materials are used while doing experiments. Senior Toni LaPorte knows the danger associated with the Bunsen burners. "I almost burnt another classmate's hair off in the middle of a lab!" Senior Archie Jamjung can also relate to the mishaps experienced during a chemistry class. "I blew up a glass jar during a lab and it exploded!"

In addition to unexpected occurances, some of the planned activities provide an interesting day. Howard Fogel's chemistry students got to make different colored "slime". Elizabeth Ramseyer's physics students are often seen walking the halls with odd pieces of equipment looking for some sort of lab data.

Mishaps don't occur exclusively in science classes though. Home economics can often provide some unusual days. Senior Jen Rinkor can recall a Chef's Course taken while she was an underclassman. "I pulled a lemon meringue pie out of the oven. It slid off the pan and landed all over my clothes. I had to wear my gym clothes for the rest of the day!" Senior Rebecca Ohlson also ahd a bit of trouble during a cooking class. "I was making waffles and set a measuring cup down. I didn't realize that I set it down directly down onto the waffle iron. I ended up with plastic waffles."

It's clear to see that accidents are bound to happen. So, just remember that, looking back, they'll seem pretty funny, so just laugh and try to enjoy your hands-on hour.

Hmmm, just think, maybe the real reason lab classes are four mods instead of three is that the class may need time to recover from these unusual circumstances.

by Christine Cosmos

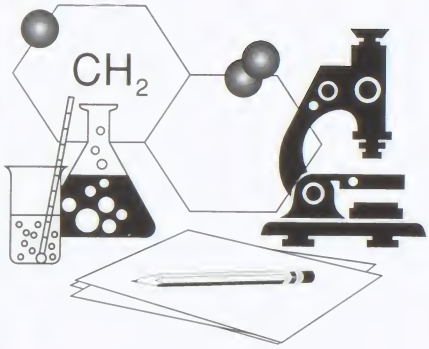
Muy bien.
Sr. Andrew Johnson teaches his estudiantes about the do's and dont's surrounding double negatives aand reflexive verbs.

Click on the icon.
Librarian Sherry Goldman helps Sebastion Manu and Sasha Mykhaylova find research material for their class project over the internet.

Pagemaster.
Junior Adam Mathes places the final touches on his West Word layout before sending it out to press.

Access Autos.
Eric Scancan tests the air pressure, tread durability, and runs a series of maintenance checks on a tire for autos class.

Concentrate!
Juniors BoMi Na and Nancy El-Rassi search for black and white proof to support the "who done it hypothesis" that mystifies their American Literature class.



The Hands-On Hour

Throughout our time here, we are bound to experience some unusual things while in a lab class (you know, the ones that last four mods). Whether the class is a science course or a home economics course, the lab class can set the stage for some unusual events.

In chemistry, some potentially dangerous materials are used while doing experiments. Senior Toni LaPorte knows the danger associated with the Bunsen burners. "I almost burnt another classmate's hair off in the middle of a lab!" Senior Archie Jamjung can also relate to the mishaps experienced during a chemistry class. "I blew up a glass jar during a lab and it exploded!"

In addition to unexpected occurrences, some of the planned activities provide an interesting day. Howard Fogel's chemistry students make different colored "slime". Elizabeth Ramseyer's physics students are often seen walking the halls with odd pieces of equipment looking for some sort of lab data.

Mishaps don't occur exclusively in science classes though. Home economics can often provide some unusual days. Senior Jen Rinkor can recall a Chef's Course taken while she was an underclassman. "I pulled a lemon meringue pie out of the oven. It slid off the pan and landed all over my clothes. I had to wear my gym clothes for the rest of the day!" Senior Rebecca Ohlson also had a bit of trouble during a cooking class. "I was making waffles and set a measuring cup down. I didn't realize that I set it down directly down onto the waffle iron. I ended up with plastic waffles."

It's clear to see that accidents are bound to happen. So, just remember that, looking back, they'll seem pretty funny, so just laugh and try to enjoy your hands-on hour.

Hmmm, just think, maybe the real reason lab classes are four mods instead of three is that the class may need time to recover from these unusual circumstances.

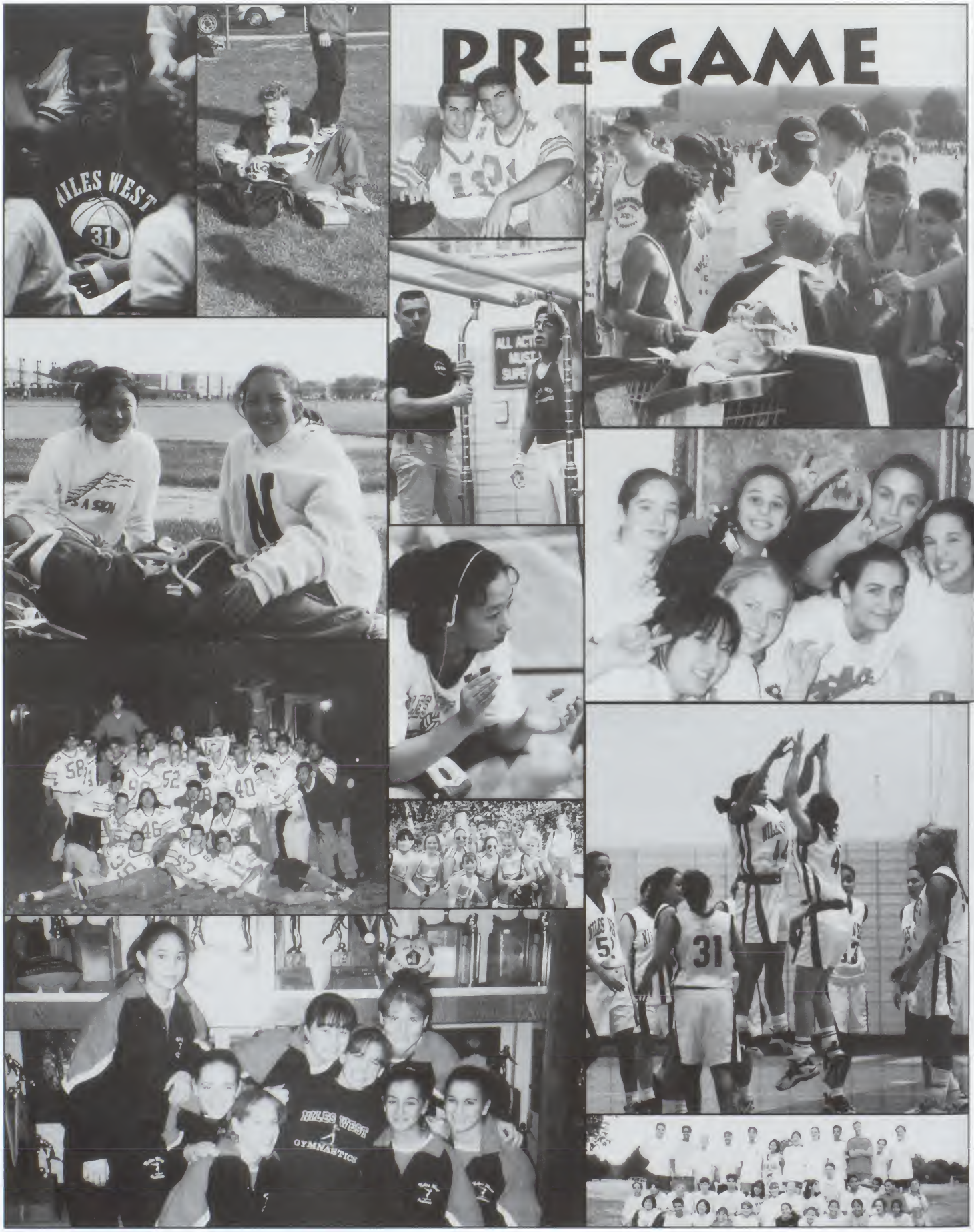
by Christine Cosmos

ATHLETICS

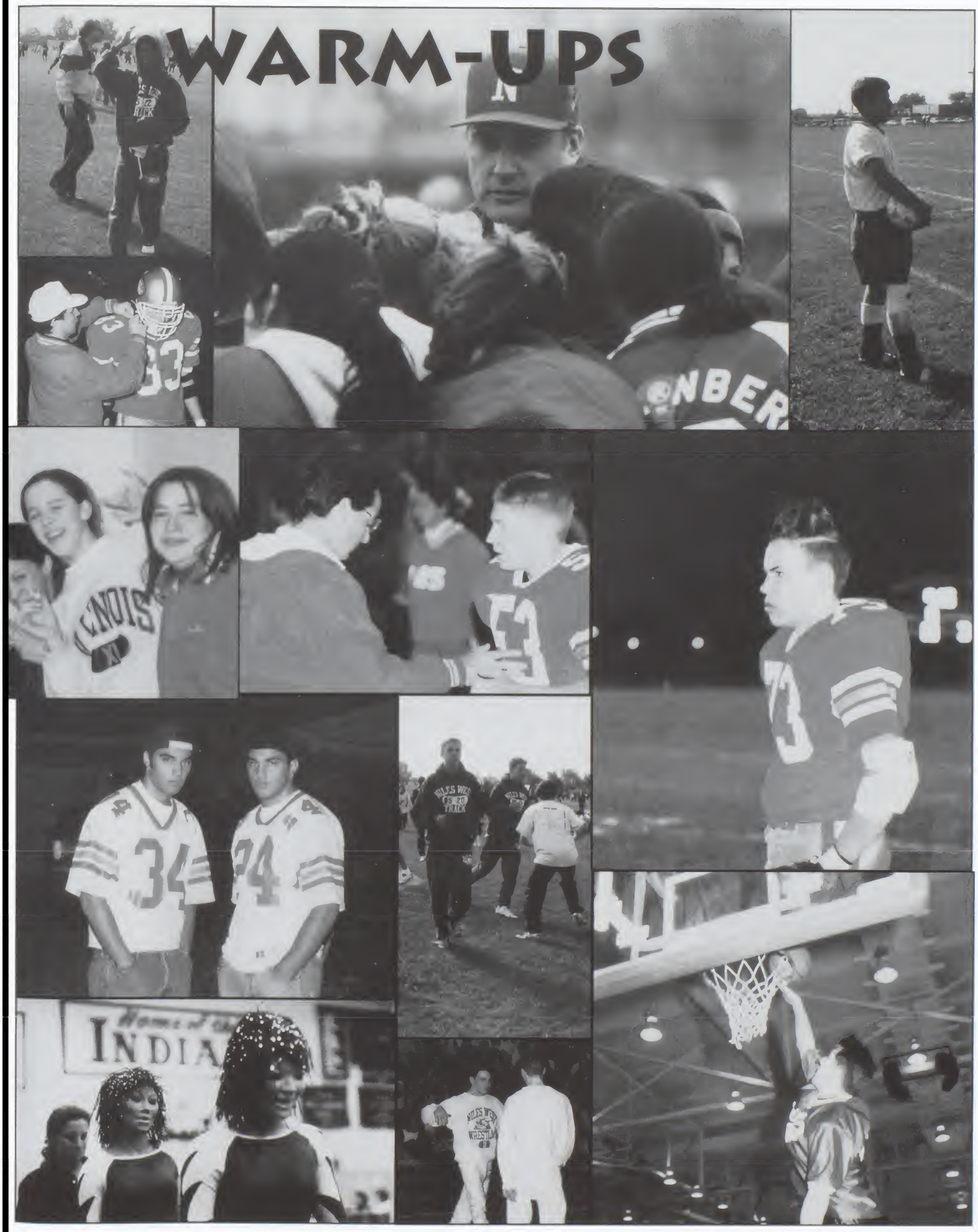
Prepare for Training

In addition to being mentally fit, physical fitness is also important. The easiest way to keep in shape is, of course, by having fun at the same time. Teams let you work together with others to develop people skills, keep fit, and have fun all at once. Prepare for lifelong health by checking out the athletic activities and finding those you like best.

PRE-GAME



WARM-UPS



BOYS BASEBALL

Freshmen B

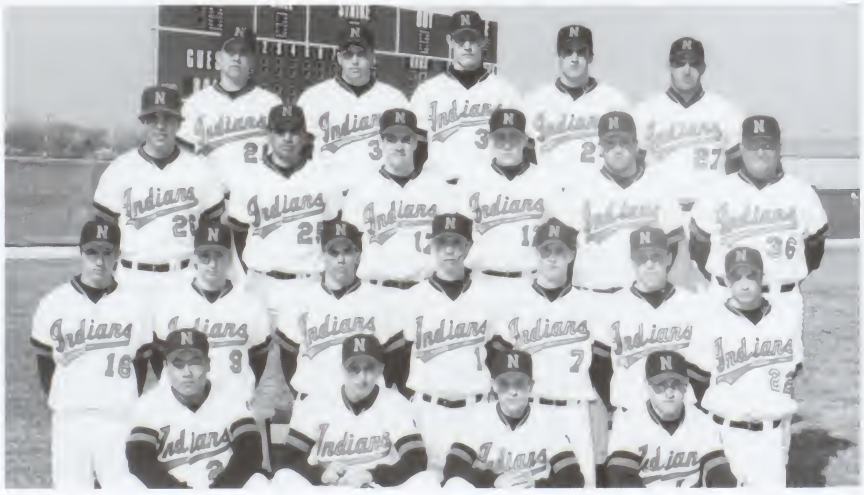
FRONT ROW: Joe Lucarelli, Jarett Spiegal, John Welbel, Kenny Krueger, Jose Morales SECOND ROW: Jason King, Joe Ravenna, Nathan Bradley, Andy Moghina, Jeff Tucker, Mike Dell BACK ROW: Coach Deleonardis, Bobby Stathis, Scoll Krell, JT Moorehouse, Max Tucker, Coach Consevich

Freshmen A

FRONT ROW:Jimmy Lochner, Garry Jackson, Scott Frake, Andrew Kim SECOND ROW:Brian Schorsch, Nick Ellinger, Dave Brodsky, Camilo Vega, Brian Merwitz BACK ROW Patrick Brown, Sam Sammartino, Derrick Reich, Matt Brown, Brian Beveridge, Coach Bryans

Sophomores

FRONT ROW: James Laboy, Hoor Bhanpuri, Richard Park SECOND ROW: Mickey Meehan, Joe Sojka, Tim Wisner, Dan Spitz, Adam Federman, Ricardo Acosta BACK ROW: Coach Stern, Scott Wood, Bryan Heuer, Jeff Poulsom, Coach Masterson



Varsity

FRONT ROW: Christian Namkung, Joe Huscher, Andy Strauch, Seth Rosenberg SECOND ROW: Jason Abby, Peter Zonis, Dan Depaolis, Josh Boysen, Jason Angelilli, Larry Kajmowicz, Kent Kozlowski THIRD ROW: Coach Gustafson, Nitin Rao, Andy DeMonte, Dan Malartsik, Steve Brown, Coach Klebba BACK ROW: Chris Heuer, Eric Tucker, Eric Parsill, Brett McGovern, Eric Eastman

You're out of there.
With the determination in junior, Pete Zonis' face, he makes his way home. He puts all forth effort into his run.

Thank you God
As the sweat drips off the face of Senior Joe Husher, he's happy he made it to the base. The relief as he gets back to second base.

PLAY BALL

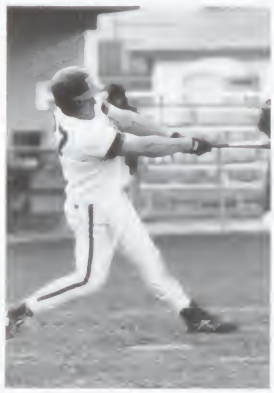
Trying to stay ahead of the opposing team can be very intense for the players and the coaches also. Making the plays and scoring the runs can be upsetting for everyone. As the heat increases, the sweat drips off the face of determined players. Last year's team had a final record of 18 wins and 14 losses. Some of the best players were Eric Eastman, Eric Parsill, Jason Angellilli, and Pete Zonis. Coach Gustafson said that their one goal is to be successful. " This years team is a young team coming back, but we have no goals yet. If we play hard and compete at a high level, we will represent the school highly."

What do some of the players like best about the game, " It's just fun to play" replies Junior Mickey Meehan.

Junior Danny Spitz says, " It's a time to compete, improve, and fun all at the same time."

Senior Brad Alpert says, " I can scratch and spit when ever I want to."

by Joe Zeman



Safe!!!!
As Jason Angellilli makes it back to the base, he's relieved that he wasn't called out.

It's out of here.
With the power in Eric Eastman's arms, he starts to throw the ball to second base. Eric was an all conference player.

Great Game
The most important part of the game is showing the respect for the other players. Shaking the hands of the winners and losers show good sportsmanship toward one another..

Look at that strength!!
With the powerful swing from junior Scott Wood, he knocks the ball out of the park. With the correct form and swing, anything could happen.

A walking advertisement.
Lou Torres proudly wears his gymnastics T-shirt which tells all who see it about the meet schedule for the year. Torres also coaches the diving teams and teaches here.

Varsity
FRONT ROW: Peter Park, Alex Ho, Danny Huscher, Alex Karpouzliz SECOND ROW: Adam Kriticos, Tom Wattenbarger, Jordan Freeman, Jack Drupsyscuan, Mike Freeman, Matt Smith, Ron Lee, Cameron Inglesby THIRD ROW: Coach Pantoja, Gabe Adler, Raphael Kiam, Coach Foerch, Joe Oh, Josh Smith, Coach Lee FOURTH ROW: Ed Chin, Bruce Snyder, Ben Outland, Kraig Foyteck, Bardia Saedi Fard, Marcos Feldman, Tom Gawron FIFTH ROW: Mike Perouti, Jordan Greene, Bob Peterson, David Persky, Rambod Saeed, James Sears, Chris Fortman

Keep your balance.
Graduate Rambod-Saeedi Fard focus on completing his routine on the rings. The team qualified five members to the sectional meet last year.

Giving some help.
The guys gymnastics cheer on one of their teammates for a job well done. The guys help each other out at all meets by cheering.

TEAM GRACE

Gymnastics is a tough sport. "It requires physical and mental disipline," said Coach Foerch. "The sport is great to watch as it is to participate in," said senior Jordan Freedman. Last season five gymnasts went to the sectional meet: graduates Steve Adams, Gabe Adler, Rambod Saeddi-Fard and seniors Jason Goldlust and Jordan Freedman.

When asked about the hopes for the next season, Foerch said, "I'd like to see the team place in the top five at the sectional meet." A tough request, but with the strength, skill, and talent of the returning gymnasts it won't be a big surprise if the team achieves its goals.

The guys also have to stay in top condition for the rest of the year. "We do weight training and all other sorts of exercises to stay in shape," said senior Matt Smith. The team obviously likes the sport of gymnastics and is determined at it. "Gymnastics is a fun sport, you need strength and grace to participate in it," said Freedman.

by Michelle del Pino

Point those toes.
Junior Marcos Feldman tries to stay balanced on the rings. To perform this exercise, you need strength and grace.

Offering more help.
Seniors Jason Goldlust offers support to his teammate Jordan Freedman.

Gymnasts don't horse around.
(far left)
Jordan Freeman tries to sucessfully complete his routine. Freeman is a four year gymnast.

Flex those muscles.
Senior Josh Smith continues his effort to balance himself on the parallel bars. Josh Smith is another four year veteran.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Freshmen
Front row: Sue Jones, Karen Smith, Julie Jones, Abby Blue, Karen Red. Second row: Ann Red, Jane Blue, Kara Green, Smiley Girl, Gina Black, Erin Yellow. Third row: Sue Jones, Julie Smith, Coach, Rachel Blue, Karen Till.

Junior Varsity
Front row: Jillian Matik, Brigid Walsh, Jessica Matik. Second row: Lisa Boldt, Jaimie Ionatti, Sabrina Kryzak,Colleen McKenna, Brit Knees, Andrea Mueller. Third row: Coutney Krell, Nicole Alvear, Coach Nike Lady, Amy Hildebrandt, Lena Lulias.

Varsity
Front row: Jamie Kozlowski, Nicole Pagani, Lianna Soergel, Wendy Vega, Katie Berg. Second row: Linda Khoshaba, Nicole Mollet, Terri Gawron, Brittany Thorsen, Jenn Reifenberg, Maris Grossman. Third row: Kate Wielgus, Kim Richards, Coach Steve Ramseyer, Jenni Wielgus, Lisa Neville.

NOTHING SOFT

Whip it.
Senior, Terri Gawron is about to fiercly releases the softball. Garwon was one of the three players selected to be on the All-Conference team.

Hot hits in the cold.
The rainy cold weather never stoped the players spirit. Junior, Jamie Kozlowski is up to bat , she was one of the two sophomores to play on the varsity level.

Strike them out.
Graduate, Jenni Wielgus winds up to throw the oppenents out. The pitcher plays a large role in the sucess of the team.

The cold and rainy Spring of '96 started out much different for the 15 members of the Varsity Softball team. First time Head Coach Steve Ramseyer started by hiring Assistant Coach George Wielgus. New strategies and techniques were introduced, despite the moans and groans of the players. Both personal and team goals were established by the players and coaches.

Senior Niki Mollet said, "It was so hard to pick up on the new techniques. I had been playing softball for almost 12 years and to try and change old habits in one season seemed almost impossible."

Impossible, it wasn't, and the statistics proved it. Less errors were being made and yes, the girls finally picked up on the four most dreaded words.....HANDS TO THE BALL!!! With an overall record of 16-5 and 9-1 in Conference, these hard working girls became THE 1996 CSL CO-CHAMPIONS. The girls shared their reign with New Trier.

Three members were selected to the All Conference Team....Graduate Jenni Wielgus, Senior Terri Gawron, and Junior Kate Wielgus.

"I'm so proud of these girls. They fought and never gave up. No one gave us a chance against New Trier, but we were right there with them," stated Ramseyer.
"Our goal as a team was to split first in Conference with New Trier and we succeeded. That has never happened before in Niles West Softball history. I can hardly wait till next season!"

by Racheal Trylovich

Will she hit it?
Junior, returing three year varsity member, Jenn Reifenburg is in the process of either hitting a homer or striking out. You tell me.

Who's mitt is this????

GIRLS SOCCER

Freshman

FRONT: Jenny Cho, Joanna Sinagra, Sharyn Gordula, Jorina Fontelera. SECOND ROW: Helen Psihogios, Becky Ligas, Amy Lee, Cory Baldauf, Nancy Yasay, Randee Kagan. THIRD ROW: Andre Watson, Vesna Kljajic, Missy Patterson, Kelly Kinslow, Gaby Fonzetti, Becky Swain, Scott Ackman. BACK ROW: Lara Rosenbush, Pam Izvanariu, Athena Touliopoulos, Laura Schutt, Amanda Kinney, Miryana Vujoshevich

Junior Varsity

Front: Roxanne Cabading, Theresa Miklaj, Bonnie Hernandez. Second: Kathy Lee, Jessica Knudsen, Nancy Lee, Helen Belesiotis, Liz Bera, Lisa Kim, Gina Mun, Tamar Mikalean. Third: Dawn Jacobs, Jenny Myung, Lorena Marino, April Stone, Alice Hryniewicki, Lyla Padiernos, Tony Whitman. Back: Islam Mohammed, Barbara Samuelson, Jan Miyamoto, Renee Base, Susan Shamoon, Susan Kim. Not Pictured: Arabella Zaroo

Varsity

Front: Aubree Horvath, Patty Belesiotis, Savitre Tubrung, Sara Zellermayer, Erin Nelson, Tracy Peterson. Second:Amy Ginsburg, Rea Chronopoulos, Sung Cho, Karyna Zarate, Sara Koo, Sandy Park, Beth Otero. Third: Dawn Jacobs. Jenny Zalon, Rebecca Robertson, Andrea Braovac, Susie Olson, Tony Whitman, Back: Megan Bach, Kira Keegstra, Laura Dema, Filoniki Goulas, Susan Parpetti.

Defense
Senior Susie Olson comes up from defense to steal the ball away from her opponent. Olson is a very dedicated athlete who participates in sports year round.

Quench your thirst with water...Hey water boy
Taking a swig of water during halftime, senior Erin Nelson tries to refresh herself before the second half. Not only is he an outstanding coach, but Tony Whitman makes an excellent water boy.

ON THEIR FEET

Springtime. Just the thought of that season brings in warm thoughts of flowers, warm weather, vacations, and of course, laziness. But that isn't the case for the girls soccer team. This group of dedicated girls started practicing in the freezing days of March and continued on into the warmer days of April and continued onto the warmer days of May. This year, the soccer team set high goals for themselves. "This season we wanted to accomplish a lot. Our goal was to become regional champions and to show the school that it does have some sports teams that can achieve recognition," said senior Susie Olson, who has been on the varsity team since her sophomore year. The girls did just that by defeating Niles North and being declared regional champs. However, none of this could have been accomplished without the team work and the dedication the girls put out through the season. "We really worked hard together so that we could do our best. Without teamwork, a team will go no where," stated senior Andrea Braovac.

by MariaTrograncic

Look I'm open.
Trying to look for an open man, or should I say woman, senior Amy Ginsburg attempts to get the ball to the other side of the field. Ginsburg significantly contributed to the team by being one of the top scorers.

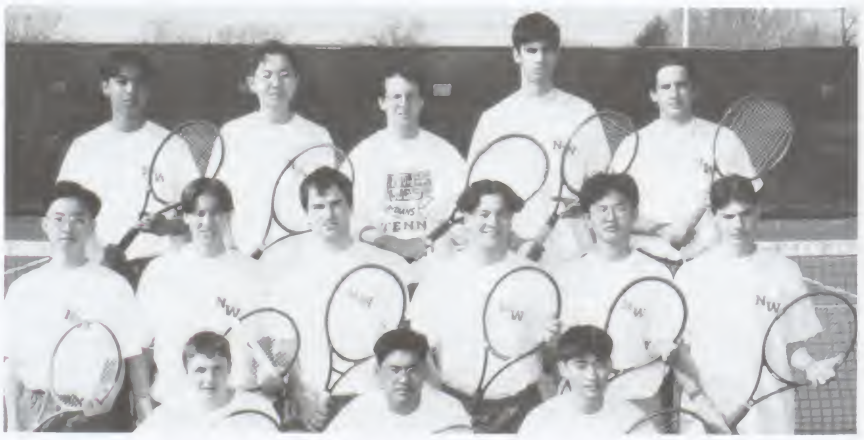
The ball is mine.
Senior Tracy Peterson defends the ball from going past the midfield. Peterson has been an enthusiastic participant in the soccer program for the past four years.

Limber.
Contorting herself in the oddest position possible, senior Sara Zellermayer clears the ball to the other side of the field. By the looks of it, Zellerman should participate in gymnastics as well.

BOYS TENNIS

Nice and Easy.
Perfecting hand-eye coordination, graduate Gary Farr concentrates on returning a volley.

Junior Varsity
FRONT ROW: Garrett Johnson, Slava Medvin, Dustin Schneider, Azam Hussain. SECOND ROW: Doanls Pisula, Ronald Tipan, Edwin Vdovets, Grant Hsing, Brian Nabong, Justin Lee, Leo Pelts. THIRD ROW: Hyun Jin Nam, Joseph Shin, Paul Davis, Leo Pelts, Igor Krestin, Coach Grawleski. FOURTH ROW: Mark Blah, Mike Blah, Dan Ko, Min Kim, Sang Kim, Kulaga Zagarov.



Varsity
FRONT ROW: Joel Sneider, James Padu, Shion Kamatsu. SECOND ROW: Kwon Lee, Chris Maghena, Stejan Lorincz, Matt Joseph, John Baik, Gary Farr. BACK ROW: Chris Deano, John Lee, Coach Frank Saks, Jack David Sergio Nunez.

POWER SERVE

Slam!
Exhibiting a Jordanesque tongue action, graduate James Choe prepares to slam the ball.

Spreading his wings.
Graduate Louis Hagadorn uses an aerobic move to return the ball. Agility is important for successful returns.

Playing in style.
Graduate Chris Moghina shows the proper form in hitting backhand. Moghina wears a terrycloth headband to absorb excess sweat.

Tennis is an intense game that involves power, speed, endurance, and concentration. Add these components and you will get a phenomenal tennis player. It is also highly competitive because it is a game that usually involves one-on-one competition. However, many play doubles,which requires you and your partner to be in perfect sync with one another. The oys ennis team showed a lot of promise last spring according to varsity team member Sergio Nunez. Although the team didn't have a winning season, they placed fourth in regionals and sectionals. In conference they placed fifth. They participated in two major invites: the Niles West invite and the Glenbrook South invite. At the Niles West invite, graduate Shion Kamatsu placed fourth in singles, while senior Sergio Nunez and sophomore Joel Schnieder placed third in doubles. Sophomore Joel Schneider was on the varsity team his freshman year. The team also was placed in a difficult division. Even though most of the varsity team members graduated last year, next season proves to be something to look forward to.

by June Park

Look out Sampras.
Graduate Shion Kamatsu hits a power serve over the net. Kamatsu was the varsity team captain.

Give it to me.
With a look of determination, graduate Stefan Lorincz anticipate the next move of his opponent.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Grrrrrrrr!!!!!!!
Clearly using all his strength, Bob Wescott, gives his all to launch an 8 lb. shotput as far as he can.

Varsity Team

Running like the wind.
Senior, Andrew King fights hard to stay ahead of the competetion. The new field house doesn't leave much room for the spectators.

REACHING GOALS

Boy's track and field consists of 50-60 members. The 1995-96 spring season of track was very rocky. The guys placed sixth in the conference of both indoor and outdoor events. However, they managed the victories at the Notre Dame Invite with their relay teams.

When asked about some of their star runners Coach Pat Savage said, "Alex Garcia and Eric Chan made All Conference, and our 4 by 800 meter relay team, consisting of Prashant Parsram, Sean King, Alex Garcia, and Kevin Hart, set a new Niles West record." Alex ran the 1600m and 3200m races.The goals for the 1996-97 season are, "Be more competitive, and have more individuals meet their goals," said Coach Ron Campbell. Savage, also added, "We hope to qualify more distance runner to go down state."

Together, as a team, the boys can do anything if they continue working hard and thinking positive. We'll see ya next season.

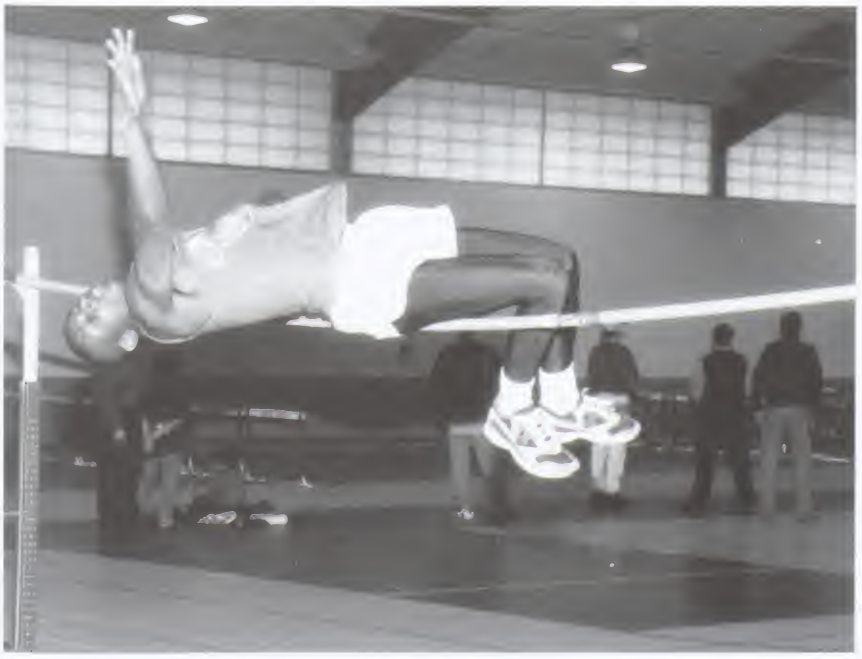
by Michelle del Pino

All the way to the end.
Sophomore Prashant Parsram, the anchor of the 4 by 800 relay team, strides through the finish line ahead of the competition.

Jump.
Racing together, freshmen Pierre- Louis Dros and his teamate, Ed Mahnke, leap over the hurdles to finish the race.

Side by side.
Moving together, Juniors John Doe and John Doe 2 sprint to the finish line. The indoor season of track lasts several months.

Run faster.
Already in the lead, Junior Andrew Podesonov, recieves the baton from Senior Sean Bing Ha to remain in the lead for the rest of the race.



Reach higher.
Junior Andre King, arches his back and keeps his hips high to successfully clear the high jump bar. King was a successful jumper for his first year on track.

Striding ahead.
Moving as fast as they can, Juniors John Doe and John Doe fight for first place. The team placed sixth in thier outdoor season.

Put it.
Shot putter senior Nikki Nash attemps a practice throw during warm-ups.

Varsity
Front row: Sandhya Vallabhapurapu, Mara Silver, Marina Gitlen, Shanon O'neil, Mariam Elegante, Maggie Grahm, Emily Babicz, Cicily Lee, Heidy Hwang. Second row: Susan Koo, Joanne Lee, Lotoya King, Tearesa Ha, Marina dowadiddy, Joanne Kieinsevich, Sinee Kopsombut, Nicole Nash, Tiffany Buchner, Cheryl Geslani, Kelly Szlak. Third row: Grace Ha, Wendy Whiteside, Heather Moorehouse, Katie Hedrick, John Armour, Ron Henrici, Mark Medland, Jean Armour, Pascal Metellus, Bindu Vargese, Caroline Ishida, Lauren doadittytoo. Fourth row: Lisa Milosavljevic, Alinda Muszynski, Ticha Maleegrai, Sarah Hansen, Susan Solorzano, Laren Cohen, Britt Wilms, Renuka Purimetla, Jaime Hayden, Marnie Goodfriend, Christi Policht. Fifth row: Neda Kusolvisitkul, Gabriella Vargas. Sixth row: Karina Kramer-Schivers, Christel Lee, Liz McKleenen. Back row: Dominika Wawrzyniak, Olga Plotnika.

Hike.
As junior Wendy Whiteside finishes her leg in a sprint relay she hands off the baton to her teammate, junior, Laura Cohen.

Time FLIES

The 1995-1996 girls track and field season was filled with many hard practices, much dedication, and horrible weather. A fifth place finish at conference was expected from Coach John Armour, " By looking at the numbers and stats we pretty much thought that we would place fifth."

Throughout the season the girls were struck with horrendous weather that put a damper on their preformances at important meets. Senior Christi Policht replied, "I was very dissapointed that we only had a few meets with decent weather, but we still managed to enjoy ourselves and make the most of it." Coach John Armour was also frustrated with the weather at the sectional meet held at Glenbrook South."The weather was about 30 degrees with a 30 mile per hour wind. When the girls ran against the wind around the curves it almost blew them away. It was too bad that the weather didn't allow the girls to preform their best."

The 1996 girls track season was filled with great efforts despite the results of the conference and sectional meets.

by Ticha Maleegrai

Run for distance.
Senior Christi Policht lead the pack in the long distance run. Policht ended the '96 season as an all-conference track runner.

Just jump.
Senior high jumper Grace Ha clears the bar with ease. Not only does Ha high jumps, she long jumps as well.

It's time to fly.
Junior Gabrielle Vargas leaps to the long jump pit.To be sucessful at long jumping consistant strides and speed have to take place.

West in the lead.
Junior Jaime Hayden (center), and sophomore Shanon O'neil (far left) attempt to out run their opponents. Thes two runners competed Varsity on their first year on track.

Jump and run.
Junior hurdler Marley Stolarska leaps over the hurdle with grace, as she tries to catch her opponent.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Freshmen

Front Row: Mike Schaab, Mike Borja, Flavio Kiam, and Chris Hester. Second Row: Leonard Dalmacio, David Cohen, Philip Cali, Shajan Karottu, Paul Kim, Darrell Ilagan. Back Row: Chris Moy, Jon Zavelovich, Gary Davis, Danny Hong, and Aaron Marshall

Junior Varsity

First row: Jin Kim, Steve Drebos, Jay Andres, Bryan Paliza. Second row: Young Choe, Mike Deguia, Steve Joung, James Kannookadin, Scott Diabasillo. Third row: Mike Hoffman, James Cho, Tylor Robinson, Jovan Vojic, Curt Heller, Coach Amy Lefevre.

Varsity

Top row: Andy Lee, Rich Chang, Zheng Xiang, Jeff Kochikarin, Ed Stankiewicz. Middle row: Joe Muzynski, Steve Neumayer, Jason Choe. Bottom row: Marko Ratic, Coach Jennifer Sinnick, Andreas Alvear.

It's time to fly.
Senior Andreas Alvear rises above the net to pound the ball to the ground. Alvear was on the all-conference team and also was ranked one of the top ten players in state.

Concentration.
Passing takes a great amount of focus and form. Graduate Steve Neumayer gets low to pass a oncoming serve while his teammates observe his progress.

PASSIN' TO SPIKE

Volleyballl is a sport that's been played for over a 100 years. The previous year was one to remember for the school. The accomplishments of the team were spectacular. They included second place in an Evanston invitational. The team was even ranked in the top ten teams in the state. "Our team was great and could have gone really far" said senior Zheng Xiang.

The team was filled with powerful players like graduate Marko Ratic who was ranked as one of the best middle hitters in the state and senior Andreas Alvear who as a junior was one of the key players of of the team and was also ranked in state as an outside hitter. Ratic, Alvear, and graduate Ed Stankaweitz recieved all-conference awards. Ratic and Alvear both received an honorable mention for the all-state team. The team couldn't have succeded without the great coaching by Jennifer Sinnick. 1996 season was great and high hopes come with next year's team.

by Tylor Robinson

Go for the ace.
Senior Richard Lee cocks back his massive arm in preparation for a powerful serve. Serving starts the battle for points in volleyball.

Kill.
Graduate Marko Ratic attempts to hit through Niles North defenders. When one's hitting skills are improved, one can direct the positioning of the ball on the court.

Stuff 'em.
Graduates Andy Lee and Marko Ratic attempt to block their opponent. Blocking is the cornerstone for a good defense.

West with the win.
The junior varsity team celebrates a hard fought victory against New Trier. In the game of volleyball teamwork is an important factor in winning.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

No pain, No gain
Senior Edwin Ayala is exhausted from finishing his 3-mile race. Edwin, as well as his teammates have high endurance.

The 96-97 team
FRONT ROW: Joey Wimmer, John Jay Asistoves, Reed Mammoser, Kareem Wasim, Essam Sharafi, Mohommed Akhter, Peter Park, Garret Johnson. SECOND ROW: Prashant Parsram, Justin Lee, Edwin Ayala, Garrett Pautsch, Christopher Swanson, Aldwin Gordula, Andrew Podosenov. THIRD ROW: Jeff Olsen, Jeoung Bae Jun, Brian Varghese, Sang Kim, Joshua Putt, Justin Loeffler, Coach Beaumont. FOURTH ROW: Coach Campbell, Coach Savage, Bobby Choi, Michael Hedstrom, Amir Jacob, Joel Horwitz, John Lee, Coach Ferraro.

RUN AHEAD

Many students think that anyone would be crazy to run for fun(myself included). The truth is, running requires discipline and endurance for those long distances. During the course of their grueling season, runners are faced with many tough challenges. Not only do they compete with opposing runners, they compete with themselves for time and records. Unfortunately like other fall sports, the strike affected the season. However, Varsity placed fourth in the conference and JV placed third. At the Pat Savavge Invitational, Varsity placed fifth and JV placed sixth. Both JV and Varsity placed 1st in the Lincoln Park Invitational. Captain Amir Jacobs says, "We improved a lot since last season, but because the strike has cut our season short, we missed regionals and sectionals." Jacob, along with Andy Podosonar are this year's captains. The team consisting of thirty members, still accomplished a winning season.

by June Park

Nighty Night.
Taking a moment to stretch and relax, senior Amir Jacob sprawls out on the grass. Jacob and Edwin Ayala are co-captains on this years team.

Jog it in boys.
Members of the cross country team prep their muscles before beginning a race. Warming up muscles help prevent possible injuries.

Ewwwwwwwww!
"This guy forgot to wear his deodorant!" exclaims senior Justin Loeffler. Perspiration and body odor are part of running after all.

Geez, Louise.
Coach Jeffery Beaumont is a little worried at the rate that the runners are coming in.

Not war. Only running.
No, senior Andrew Podosonov is not part of a war party. His painted face is supposed to promote NW team spirit.

On your mark...get set...GO!
Runners line up to begin thier exhausting race. Due to intense competiton, runners need to have excellent endurance and strong physical training.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Getting some help.
Sophomore, Amanda Kinney gets a pat on the back for a job well done. This was coach Friedlander's first year as head coach.

The 96-97 team
FRONT ROW: Tina Sheth, Lisa Boldt, Sunhee Choe, Alice Lee, Ayelet Wolf, Jamie Hayden, Tracy Peterson, Mara Silver. SECOND ROW: Rebecca O' Connally, Veronica Vyazovsky, Dana Lucas, Susan Koo, Lisa Milosavijvic, Renuka Puritmetla, Christi Policht, Teresa Ha, Jenny Lee, Miriam Ellegant, Freya Riel. THIRD ROW: Sally Moore, Margaret Kamyshina, Victoria Doe, Kelly Szlak, Carolyn Ishida, Junee Choe, Stephanie Burak, Andrea Mueller, Ania Figueroa, Marina Shoffer, Laura Friedlander. FOURTH ROW: Adrienne Mackey, Marnie Goodfriend, Laura Cohen, Amanda Kinney, Lindsy Barlow, Mika Keegstra, Susan Solorzono, Laura Buela, Kara Kezios, Islam Mohammed. FIFTH ROW: Cathy Chutipsalkul, Gina Goodfriend, Vicki Gates, Janice Hsu, Ceclia Lee, Kelli Gschwind, Jane Doe, Alit Ashwal.

All three together.
Both coaches Laura Friedlander and Sally Moore look onto the race with retired coach Judi Sloan.

BEAT THE CLOCK

Cross country is not exactly how it seems to be. It's a sport that requires a lot of dedication and a lot of mental readiness. There are a lot of myths about cross country. Many people think it is not a sport because it does not involve a ball. However, according to the 50 members on the team, cross country is definetly one of the hardest sports of all. "Cross country involves a lot of teamwork, you push yourself constantly for the team."-Senior Kara Kezios. Many people at Niles West think that X-country is not fun at all. "Cross country is a fun sport because you grow very close to your teamates."- Junior Britt Wilms. "The team becomes a mini family. That's how close we are."- Senior Christi Policht. This year, the X-country team said goodbye to coach Judy Sloan,but gained two great coaches: Laura Friedlander and Sally Moore better known as Frito and Smoore to their little runners. All in all, cross country is tough, but also fun enough for everyone.

by Michelle del Pino

Get comfortable!
Seniors, Renuka Puritmetla and Kara Kezios try their best to relax in their seats on the bus. The trip to Peoria took about 3 hours.

Put on your faces.
With their sweats off and aggressive attitudes, juniors Lisa Milo, Brit Wilms, Jamie Hayden, and senior Tracy Peterson get ready to run in the biggest meet in the midwest

SMILE!!!!!
Junior Jamie Hayden, senior Tracy Peterson, and junior Lisa Boldt stop their playful ways to pose for the

Take a break.
Relaxing before the big race, junior Lisa Milosavljevic stops to give a smile. The team stayed in Peoria, Illinois for 2 days and 1 night.

Together for the last time.
Posing altogether the 96-97 seniors: Christi Policht, Michelle del Pino, Kara Kezios, Tracy Peterson, and Renuka Puritmetla say goodbye to their 4th year of X-country. We'll miss everyone, GO SENIORS!!

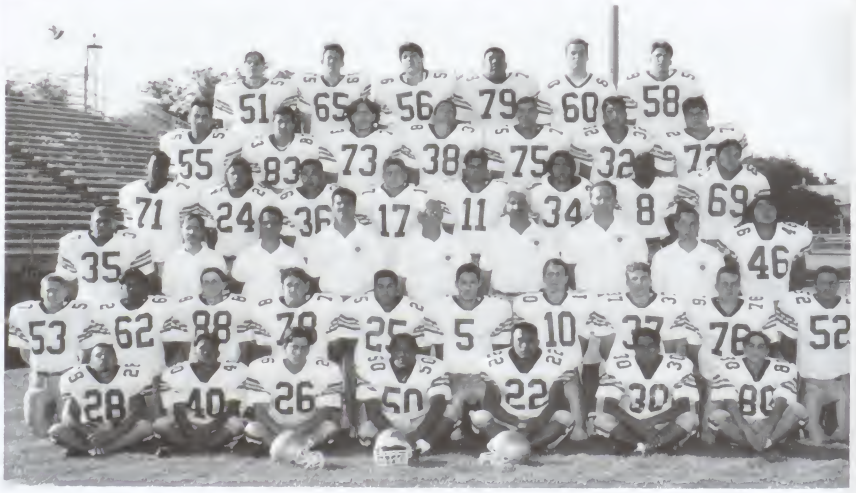
Against the competition.
Running their hardest, Christi Policht and Tracy Peterson try to maintain their lead in front of the Waukegan runners. Niles West lost, but it was a race the team worked hard at, and it showed in their times.

FOOTBALL

Freshman Team

Sophomore team

First row: Rumson Neesan, Slava Medvin, Jarrett Spiegel, Jason Done, Peter Iusco. Second row: Sean Lau, Joe Ravenna, Anthony Jones, Andy Zalon, Ryan Wirth, Nathan Bradley, Phil Vella, Glenn Briones, Edward Pocztowski, Edwin Vdovets Third row: Coach Meyer, Coach Solomon, Scott Shapiro, Nick Ellinger, Jeff Tucker, Andy Moghina, Coach Steffeck, Coach Moltz, Coach Kleinsevich. Forth row: Nicholas Endres, Brian Hart, Peter Gikas, Bobby Stathis, Eliot Costianis, Max Tucker, Brian Beveridge, John Toliopoulos. Sixth row: Daniel Klein, Daniel Brunetti, Matt Brown, Sam Sammartino, Nick Verveniotis, Yoon Lee.



Varsity

First row: Jose Blanco, Eric Delacruz, Garry Jackson, Nate Stevens, Bobby Mendoza, Atish B., Brian Gitlin. Second row: Brett Youngstead, Jeff Alita, Brian McNeela, Tony Ricotta, Jaime Guzman, Jason Abbey, Scott Dibasillio, Sean Henrick, Mike Mueller, James Laboy. Third row: Brad Alper, Brian Katzman, Coach Dailianardis, Coach Moltzs, Coach Richardson, Coach Steffeck, Coach Keinsevich, Coach Fogel, Dan Kim. Forth row: David Brown, Nick Cimmarusti, Johnny Mui, Tim Wisnar, Dan Depaulis, Mike Cimmarusti, Andre` King , Steve Joung. Fifth row: Skippy Calmari, Nick Mitria, David Silverman, Blake Eastman, John Kessel, John Lee, Martin Kramarz. Sixth row: alex Bajcowicz, Brian Heuer, Matt Barnett, Andy Bian,Jason Acton, Chris Heuer.

Bomb it.
Senior co-captain Dan DePaolis is winding up for a long bomb in hopes for an Indian touchdown. As the quarterback, Depaulis is responsible for directing the offense.

Grab it and go.
Senior co-captain Brad Alper is about to receive a hand off from Dan DePaolis and attempts to gain some extra yards.

GREAT EFFORT

Go all the way.
Co-captain Mike Cimmarusti is flying past a Maine West defender.

Time out.
Coach Steffeck is giving junior Steve Joung some sound defensive advice.

"There's no doubt that in every game we put all our hearts and emotions into it, but we just lacked the physical size and strength needed to win the games," said senior Nick Cimmarusti. The 1996 football season was filled with much frustration as the team's season ended with an 0-8 record and a forfeit to New Trier due to the strike. It wasn't a shortage of effort, but a plague of injuries during preseason changed the fate of the season." Our team was struck with injuries from key players that might have enhanced our performances," said senior Jaime Guzman and junior Dave Brown. Despite that, the Indians challenged the number four ranked team at the time, Glenbrook South. That game was much closer than the 20-9 loss that the scoreboard showed. Junior Blake Eastman said. "I almost lost my last brain cell against G.B.S., but that was the best game we played."

We have to give this team a lot of credit for all the hours and dedication they put into practice and their games.Our football team never had a shortage of enthusiasm and spirit. Co-captain senior Mike Cimmarusti said it best with,"Hey... at least we had fun." And senior Chris Heuer said,"Even though we had a rough season I think we had strong unity and a great and unique team bond."

by Ticha Maleegrai

Taking him down.
A touchdown is saved by senior safety and co-captain Nick Cimmarusti. This All-Conference player broke the school's single season and career record for tackles.

Line it up.
Senior quarterback Dan DePaolis looks over the defense to see which play he wants to run.

GOLF

Quiet on the green!
Graduate Andy Strauch aligns his swinging position with the ball to ensure the exact angle and power are met to sink the put.

The 96-97 team
FRONT ROW: Chris Hester, Peter Strauch, Derek Edwardson, Jeff Laksanaprom, Chris DeRaimo, Kevin Shapiro. SECOND ROW: Kim Bacher, Ethan Silverway, Courtney Krell, Andrew Park, Brian Alexander, T.J. Andres. THIRD ROW: Coach Galla, Tim Moy, Mickey Meehan, Scott Krell, Joey Sojka, Jason Krynski, Andy Strauch.

LOVIN' THOSE BIRDIES

A little to the left.
Senior Joey Strybel completes his follow through while watching to see where his ball will land.

For the past nine years, Coach George Galla has shuffled his golfers back and forth between the school and neighboring golf courses in preparation for the team's two to three weekly games. Since we have no real golf course here, golfers have to work on their slices and hooks on the baseball field. Occasionally, local courses, such as the Tam Golf Course in Niles let them come in for a few rounds of nine holes. Still, a lack of playing area has hardly dampened team members' enthusiasm or ruined their skills. In fact, one member of the team even placed at the All-Conference Game.

Though she is one of the only two girls on the team, junior Courney Krell still enjoys being a part of the team here. "I enjoy playing on an almost all boys golf team. The guys are more laid back than most girls are. The guys also make it very comfortable and seem very friendly and accepting." Krell, who has an all-time best of seventy-eight for eighteen holes, was first in All-Conference.

Along with Krell, there are also some other very gifted players, whom Galla has high hopes for. "It is very difficult to get scholarships in golf. However, I see the potential for scholarships in a few of my kids, and I know they can do it."

by Heidi Eichler and Shannon Hardesty

Please, please, go in.
Senior Joey Strybel demonstrates the proper technique in hand position to effectively place the ball in the hole.

All in a day's work.
Discussing the day's birdies and bogies, seniors Tim Moy and Andy Strauch add up the score card for a final tally.

Visualize. (far left)
Preparing his final stance, Senior Scott Krell imagines the stroke in his mind before swinging.

BOYS SOCCER

Freshmen
FRONT ROW: Nick Bushman, Milan Djodjevic, Mike Brunner SECOND ROW: Ervin Garchi, Isaac Kagan, Dennis Espinoza, Fadi Sweilem, Paul Smith, George Horvath THIRD ROW: David Heineman, Sergey Arustamyan, Gus Petriois, Thomas Cho, Peter Morikokas, Coach Wittman BACK ROW: Nick Mrdakovic, Adrian Lorincz, Oleg Kopman, Jeff Sabin, Drew Gazis

Junior Varsity
FRONT ROW: Dustin Schneider, Andre Muj, Cameron Inglesby, Mickey Arabelovic SECOND ROW: Flavio Kiam, Catalin Chirotiou, Andy Carmean, Bob Ioanes, Arthur Goldsateyn, Eddie Chin THIRD ROW: Coach Stern, George Mandea, Glen Gadde, Aaron Marshall, Miro Kostov, Mike Dell, Tom Vranas BACK ROW: Guillermo, Mickey Sarafijanovic, Leo Pelts Bob Peterson

Varsity
FRONT ROW: Ari Pirrilis, Steve Drebos, Raphael Kiam, Ricardo Acosta, Marcos Feldman, Isaac Feder SECOND ROW: Christian Nomkung, Seth Grossman, Brian Schmidt, Chong Yoo, Dino Bakas, Danny Anang, Bruno Rasich THIRD ROW: Coach Markel, Jason Gololust, Luis Dorado, Jimmy Pelletier, Augie Schuller, Drasmin Pierre-Louis BACK ROW: Danny Ha, Andreas Alvear, Greg Adas, Max Popovsky, Zheng Xiang

SLIDE TACKLE

Stride it out.
Junior Arrie Parillas makes his move to gain control of the ball on defense.

Good game.
The sophore soccer team shakes hands with their opponents after a hard fought game.

Finally, their long waited season had arrivied. They were especially anxious, because the team had more experience and potential than the previous season. With the summer season under their belt, they were more comfortable with each other. With four sophmores moving up to Varsity, their potential was far beyond their imagination.

One game in particular, Notre Dame had given our team a good beating in a 2-0 defeat. Two days later they played them again. We had a totally different team. They scored three goals in the first half and went on to win 5-2.

Even though the team's record was not the way they wanted it to be, they had a lot of fun and memories (Bruno and the pole incident!). Even though they didn't win the championship, this season will be in their memories for the rest of their lives.

by Christian Namkung

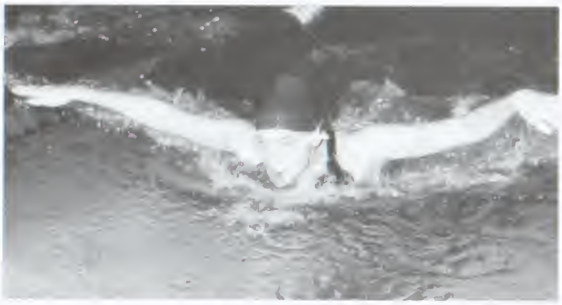
Taking control.
Offensive center-midfielder Christian Namkung starts the offensive play. The center-midfielder is the "field general" who is the transitional link between offense and defense.

Containment is key.
Senior defender Chong Yoo contains the opponent to the sidelines of the field. By "containing" the opponents to the sidelines, the defense prevents break-aways and keeps the ball out of the center where shots can be taken at goal.

Lining it up.
Zheng Xiang, Greg Adas, Danny Hwang, and Chong Yoo put up a defensive line and close in on the opposing foward. This "line" is sometimes in an even line to "trap" the opposing offense offsides.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Whoosh!
"Spread my wings and fly!', is the technique used by this swimmer to build some harder skills.



Freshman
GIRLS SWIMMING FIRST ROW:: Amy Jacob, Jackie Squer, Lauren Corday, Carolyn O'Neill, Jillian Jamrusczka, Sara Swain. SECOND ROW: Diva Neims, Rachel Rittce, Marley Lustia, Melissa Villegas, Aliza Yarrow. THIRD ROW: Lou Torres, Heather Eisner, Pauls Schreber, Scott Gourley, Susie Lee, Mayura Takasaki, Joyce VanAlstin.

Junior Varsity
FIRST ROW: Emily Babicz, Aliza Yarrow, Maggie Graham, Margrita Alver, Christine Agnino, Kelly McCoy. Helen Hwang SECOND ROW: Jessica Perez, Elizabeth Skillen, Susan Kinsman, Jolynn Buc, Cathy Fedyukovich, Clarissa Placko, Jenna Osness, Liz MacLennan, Lauren Schreibstein, Joanne Klincewicz THIRD ROW Fumika Takasaki, Leanne Vollman, Shanta Casey, Kayla Moskowitz, Linda Lee, Joyce Van Alstin, Stacey Paul, Eva Lappa, Cilia Castillo, Jiyoung Cho. Gina Chang FOURTH ROW: Lou Torres, Liz Comrov, Neda Kusolvisitkul, Gabrila Vargas, Laura Schroeder, Natalie Semaszczuk, Sara Hundahl FIFTH ROW: Shayna Harris. Shannon O'Neal, Francis Lim, Sara Harris, Lori Sison

Varsity
FRONT ROW: Lisa Vora, Courtney Workman, Erin Pollyea, Kara Isaac, Jenny Landis. SECOND ROW: Judy Leavitt, Heather Lipner, Laura Schutt, , Jenny Brown, Sara Chalken, Lisa Torres, Maria Chrisos. BACK ROW: Joyce Van Alstin, Rachel Bradley, Rosie Schwal, Scott Gormaldy, Gina Zimmer, Sinee Kopsombut, Lou Torres.

SPLISH SPLASH

There's a lot to do at school, but there's only one thing that'll get you wet. Swimming and diving isn't a sport for the weak. It involves grueling practices at 5:30 in the morning, incredible endurance, and long, long laps.

As soon as the sound-off for the race begins, the swimmers hit the water. While this year's team was especially large in number, the swimmers still remained a close-knit group.

Stepping onto a high platform and jumping into the water is no easy task for divers. It takes a lot of concentration, not to mention nerve. The diving team grew quite a bit from last year, too. "We had a lot of dedicated seniors along with a thousand freshmen," said senior Jenny Landis. "...There's a lot of individual talent on the team, too. State is definitely a possibilty for some of the divers." Diving is pretty different from water sport swimming. The athletes come at the game from two completely different angles. Varsity member Landis gives us her take on both sports: "Diving is physical, but more of it is mental. Swimming's mental too, but more of it is physical than anything else." Even the competitions run differently. According to Landis, "[Diving meets] are so quiet. When the swimming races are going on, everyone's whistling and cheering for the swimmers. But when the divers go on, everyone has to be quiet. It's pretty freaky. So I just picture every dive in my head." One thing's for sure; these athletes have their work cut out for them.

by Ashley Khatkhate

You go girl!
Brushing up on her backstroke, this swimmer hurries to finish up her laps.

Flying in the water.
Is it possible? It is when you're senior Funika Takasaki competing in the 100 meter butterfly.

With a kick and a pull.
Varsity swimmer Jenny Brown pulls ahead of her opponent in the Breast Stroke. Though swimmers are by themselves in the lane, their scores get added to those of their teammates, making each win a true team effort.

Fly, Back, Breast, Free.
Swimming a 200 meter Individual Medley, senior Helen Hwang must swim 50 meters of each stroke in order to complete her race. At this pace, you know she's going to win.

Touch down.
Whether in a meet or during practice, Lauren Cordey always works her hardest to not only swim fast and hard, but also to avoid disqualifications. One of the most important parts of a race is touching wall. An incorrect or absent touch can result in a DQ.

GIRLS TENNIS

Junior Mina Suh pivots her right foot and rotates her left shoulder as the ball makes its ideal contact with the center of the racket head. Suh has been a member of the team for three years.

Senior Julia Medvin strikes the ball with her strong grip. If a player does not grip the racket firmly, the velocity of the ball can actually fly out of the player's hands.

Junior Varsity
Front Row: Jenny Park, Eunji Kim, Diana Tereul, Maria Dallas. Second Row: Lisa Kim, Marian Kata, Janet Choi, Kathy Stoyket, Mary Noonan, Hera Cha, Hang Kim, Nancy Choi. Top Row: Coach Sid Manello, Caroline Nakai, Dara Sacher, Alyssa Coyley, Anna Son, Coach Grant

Varsity
Top Row: Coach Sid Manello, Sung Choe, Jan Miyomoto, Eileen Lee, Coach Grant Middle Row: Randee Kagan, Simone Kung, Mina Suh, Chaiyo Park Sitting: Julia Medvin, Mariana Schvartzer, Nicole Corrigan

HARD SWINGS

Fortunately the girl's tennis team was not affected by the teacher's strike. They competed in the sectionals meet and placed second. Simone Kung went on and placed fourth in state competition.

If you have ever played tennis, you know that it's quite difficult, but at the same time really fun. "Tennis is very challenging, but fun to learn, and you can really get into it. Many people don't play tennis because they think it's to hard," said senior Simone Kung.

The team practices everyday, but some aspects of the practices are irritating to players. "Running those suicides everyday after practice was hard," said senior Carol Kim.

Team members also get close to one another because of the small size of the team. "This year the team was close, we did all sorts of fun activites together. J.V. and varsity were also really close this year, everyone's united," said Kim.

Although the team had a successful season, they did lose four important seniors. "But we did get a lot of new, good freshmen," said Kim. Who knows maybe they will be future state champs?

by:Michelle del Pino

Senior Simone Kung returns a volley with a powerful backhand. Kung was the only member of the team to play in the state competition all four years of high school.

Junior Jan Miyomoto sweeps a forehand stroke with grace as she hopes her opponent will be unable to return the ball. Miyomoto and Senior Nicole Corrigan were partners in doubles competition.

Senior Nicole Corrigan finds the blazing sunlight a distraction to her concentration in lobbing. In addition to being an athlete, Corrigan has been active in academic competitions such as W.Y.S.E. and was a National Merit Commended Student.

Sophomore Randee Kagan knows that a successful return must be completed with a thorough follow through. In addition to being a member of the varsity tennis team, Kagan is also a member of the varsity gymnastics team.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Freshmen A

First row: Mary Joy Carnate, Kelly O'Reilly. Second row: Alejandra Hyun, Katie Leisner, Diana Stoic, Jamie Hoffman, Caroline Tabamo, Amy Lim. Third row: Kim Stephens, Lauren Tortorice, Tracy Walsh, Amy Nelson, Coach Costanzi

Freshmen B

First row: Erica Lindstrom, Sara Lisle. Second row: Susan Shin, Lee Gross, Laura Schactel, Sarah Marchesky, Monica Klinscevitz, Natalie Shaw. Third row: Christine Westcott, Shannon Szlak, Diana Meric, Lisa Hastings, Coach Carr

Junior Varsity

First row: Janice An, Jorina Fontelera. Second row: Nicole Curry, Claudia Lopez, Joanne Zimmer, Joann Kochikaran, Anna Singra, Jillian Matik. Third row: Coach Troy Bennett, Vesna Kljajic, Athena Toliopoulos, Nicole Alvear, Angelia Park

Varsity

Sitting bottom: Kate Wielgus, Susie Olson, Brigid Walsh. Kneeling: Colleen McKenna, Alinda Muszynski. Standing: Coach Jennifer Sinnick, Kim Richards, Doriane Williams, Dominika Wawrzyniak, Ticha Maleegrai, Jenn Reifenburg. Sitting top: Jessica Matik, Katy Gartner

Killer Spikes to STRIKE

With seven returning varsity members of the 1995 Regional Champion team, the 1996 season brought about high hopes for these lady Indians. Their season was going well with an important win, beating New Trier decisively at New Trier and a Third place finish at the Aurora East Tournament.

The District 219 strike then occured and quickly ended the Indian's promising season. Their season ending with the record of 14-11 with dissapointing forfeits to two Conference games, Evanston and Waukegan ,the Lake Park tournament and the IHSA Regional games. " By not being able to compete at Regionals, we didn't have a chance to prove ourslves." said Junior Kate Wielgus.

" We were having an above .500 season so I felt good about that. The strike did influence our season, ending it abrubtly. We had to forfeit conference games, a tournament and regionals which concluded our season. I felt the strike effected our seniors (Kim Richards, Susie Olson, Katy Gartner, Doriane Williams and Ticha Maleegrai) the most. They missed out on their home seniors night and their remaining games." said Coach Sinnick.

by Ticha Maleegrai

Concentration.
Senior co-captain Kim Richards is about to pass the ball as senior co-captain Ticha Maleegrai is looking on. Passing is the key to start off a good offense.

Hmm..Does coach actually think I'm listening to her?
Junior, Alinda Muszynski is receiving some setting tips from Coach Sinnick as the team plans out their strategy for the next game.

Hey, Wuzup? Look at me!
Senior Doriane Williams is doing what she does best on the court..... tying her shoelaces in style!

Ace,Ace,Ace Huugggh!
Sophomore Claudia Lopez is wound up and ready to produce a killer serve. Lopez is one of the best servers on the junior varsity team.

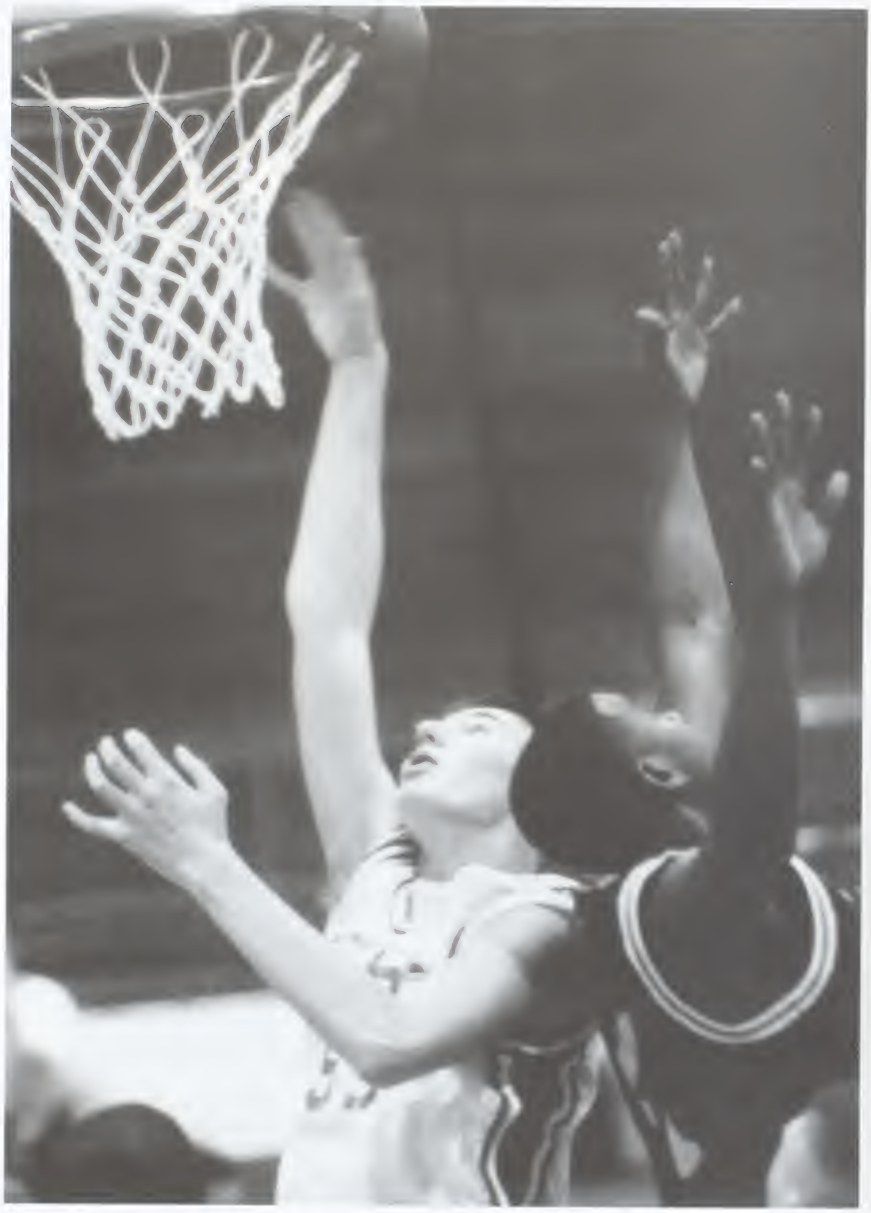
Over here, serve it to me.
Senior Katy Gartner and junior Jenn Reifenberg are anxiously anticipating the serve to try to produce a perfect pass.

OOOH AAHH!
Intensely watching their teammates and awaiting for the next attack, the varsity team is supportive on the court for every game.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hoop! There it is
Junior Derek Riech slides that baby right into the net. Too bad our opponent's block was facing the other way.

Alley-oop!
Go Andres! Just another day at work for another varsity member.



Freshman
FRONT ROW: Oli Santos, Mike Sepreghan, James Laksimmano, Jimmy Ong, Moe Akhter, Brandon Grey, Tony Kim. SECOND ROW: John Farrel, Greg Halleron, Perneith Perimetla, Mike Davis, Evan Giorgis, Danny Szpara, George Younan. THIRD ROW: Coach Meyer, Ramiro Nunez, Omer Adil, Robert Younan, Mason Gamble, Coach Leuder.. BACK ROW: Jason Krinsky, Ryan Wherfel, Chris Zahos, John Lee, Drew Gazis.

Junior Varsity
FRONT ROW: Danny Huscher, Allen Salvacion, Mike Borja. SECOND ROW: Leonard Delmacio, Craig Fullerton, Jesus Custodio, Eric Kim. BACK ROW: Coach Genis, Bobby Stathis, Matt Brown, JT Moorehouse, Junaid Kahn.

Varsity
FRONT ROW: Carlos Vasquez, Jean Metellus, Joey Huscher, Seung Lim. SECOND ROW: George Nlikolokakis, Mike Deguia, Jason Angelilli, Zheng Xiang, Mike Hoffman, Dennis Samona, Brian Merkowitz. BACK ROW: Chris Heur, Bryan Heur, Derek Riech, Steve Kopke, Gust Johanson, Junaid Ahmed.

HANG TIME

The pressure is on. "There are ten seconds left in the game. #24 just made an awesome pass to you. You dribble the ball down the court with the other team's guy practically breathing down your neck. By the time you near the free throw-line, there are five seconds left on the clock. Suddenly, everything shifts into slow motion. You decide to take the shot. The ball flies from your fingertips and into the air. It swivels around the basket's rim. "Please go in, please go in." you chant. Three...two...one...and it slides right into the net as the buzzer sounds. Then the rest of the world catches up with you. You shoot, you score, and the crowd goes wild! Game over. Sound familiar? It should, because that's how it usually is for our boys at home.

It gets pretty rough out there for our guys. Ask anyone. "The first couple of games I got nervous. Even though I don't know why, I didn't get much playing time. Just jokin'. But everyone got nervous. But after the tip-off, we were okay," says senior Dennis Samano. And all teammate Andres Alvears had to say was, "It was a long season."

by Ashley Khatkhate

Speedy
Looks like "trail-blazing" senior Joey Huscher left Waukegan's #23 in the dust.

My ball!
"Sorry dude, but I'm bringing this one home," is senior Gust Johanson's play tactic.

Chill!
Wass up with that? Senior Chris Heur is a little ticked off at that call. But don't worry, his buddy George Nikolakakis gets him to relax.

Slammin'!
Watch out, 'cause #31 is about to pull an Air-Merokowitz!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Freshman A
Front row: Susan Shin, Natasha Dregoi, Ayelet Wolf. Second row: Stephanie Dragoi, Samantha Pabon, Lee Gross, Caroline Tabamo. Third row: Jamie Hoffman, Allison Navelga, Coach Gary Gustafson, Vanessa Mendez, Shannon Szlak.

Freshmen B
Kelly O' Riley, Danielle Nitelich, Cathy Chutipasukul. Second row: Erin Perzov, Wendy O'Kane, Roshni Parikh, Amy Lim. Third row: Lily Malekfar, Tracey Walsh, Coach Frank Houlihan, Maggie Analitis, Lauren Tortorice.

Junior Varsity
Front row: Latoya King. Nicole Curry. Second row: Joanne Kochikaren, Claudia Lopez, Jillian Matik, Jackie Moy. Third row: Gabby Fonzetti, Andrea Allen, Coach Marvin Klebba, Athena Toliopolous, Pascal Metellus.

Move It!
Senior Co- Captain Amy Ginsburg is flying past a rival Bulldog. Ginsburg was selected to be on the CSL All-Conference team.

Varsity
Front row: #43 Jaimie Kozlowski, #53 Dominika Wawrzyniak, #32 Jamie Hayden. Second row: #41 Alinda Muszynski, #42 Kelly Szlak. Third row:#33 Jenn Riefenburg, #35 Colleen McKenna, Coach Becky Tuecke, #52 Jenny Brown, #50 Heather Moorehouse. Fourth row: #34 Susie Olson, #44 Ticha Maleegrai,#31 Amy Ginsburg.

THIRD'S JUST AS SWEET

Throughout the season, the girls varsity basketball team was on a roller coaster ride. With the hardest conference in state, including the number one ranked team in state, Glenbrook South, a third place finish was very impressive. The 1996-1997 hoop squad was close on and off the court. They shared many tears and memories that would last a life time. Susie Olson said, "The one thing I remember most about our season was at Waukegan when we were through with warm ups and as we pulled off our warmup pants, one person on our team ,who shall remain nameless (Amy Ginsburg), forgot that she didn't have her game shorts on."

Eating was also a very large part of the season. "The best was our progressive dinner when we went to four different houses for soup, fruits, pasta, and then desserts. Nice!" said Jamie Hayden. But their accomplishments on the court were also great memories. "I remember how much we improved as a team on and off the court. I'm glad we started out our season with a winning streak and ended our season with [a win] also to place third in conference. The best feeling was beating Evanston both times. I'm going to miss everyone on our team, they were the best," said the mooner herself, Amy Ginsburg.

by Ticha Maleegrai

Don't make me laugh.
Senior co-captain Susie Olson is about to make her move against her opponent. Olson has been a varsity player for three years.

Back Off!!!!!
Six foot three, junior Dominika Wawrzyniak is in the process of going up strong to score for the Indians.

Globetrotters???
The Varsity girls basketball team is warming up with the ball dance. Talented bunch, aren't they.

Get in there.
Senior co-captain Ticha Maleegrai puts up a shot in attempt to score points for the Indians.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Take a bow.
Sophomore Claudia Mitria gives the crowd a big smile after sticking her landing off the vault.

Varsity and Junior Varsity
Front Row: Amy Miyake, Ramona Choa, Shayna Smith, Diva Neims, Jorina. Second row: Aliza Yarrow, Kiran, Stephanie S., Lori Sisson, Shannon O'neil, Natalie, Jenny Shimanski, Lauren Corday Third Row: Coach Foerch, Jane Alng, Maria Dallas Amanda Erickson, CarrieFolise, Jenny Landis, Lisa Vora, Lisa Kiorkis, Coach Stowell. Top row: Paula Tushbai, ClaudiaMitria , Renee Base, Gabriella Vargas, Lisa Milosaljevich, Randee Kagan

FLIP FLOP

Our dream team might not have won the gold at the Olympics, but they are the gold of ourschool. The girls gymnastics team is made up of so much talent. The team is made up of all different ages from seniors to freshmen, but all have the same interest in gymastics, to bring the "gold" to our school. Every girl on the team practices to perfect their balancing skills, flexibility, and many more qualities.

The balance beam and the floor exercise are one of the many routines that are done. Flips, tumbles and splits are all put together to make the grace and beautiful movements. We see them wearing their red and white uniforms in the hallway to display they have a tournament to show that night. We see them during the assemblies in the contest gym, exhibiting their abilities and their talent. " This year's team was fun and full of excitement," said junior Paula Tusbai.

These girls practice for hours after school to make their moves perfect. Gymnastics takes a lot of time, skill and balance, and this you can see in the girls gymnastic team. Who is the one behind the team? Head Coach Pam Foerch leads our team to the gold.The next time that you think gymnastics is an easy sport, ask one of the girls on the gymnastics team.

by Nancy Han

Bravo!!!
Varsity sophomore Randee Kagan peformed a stellar job on the floor, her facial expression tells the story.

Inside out and upside down.
With grace and elegance sophomore Lori Sisson flips backwards on the beam. How does she do it?

Words of encouragment.
Coach Morris gives some pep talk to ease the burden of competition from sophomore Randee Kagan.

Steady as she goes.
Peforming on the balance beam makes everybody's heart stop and the move that senior Renee Base is performing is one of the reasons why.

Not everybody can do that.
Sophomore Claudia Mitria demonstrates her skills on the balance beam.

HOCKEY

Penalty King.
Junior Blake Eastman is waiting for the perfect opportunity to "check" #55. Eastman leads the team in penalties.

Junior Varsity
FRONT ROW: Branden Warren, Nick Rojas, Micheal Blitstein, David Levin. SECOND ROW: Scott Purtell, Mark Purtell, Pascal Souvenir, Andy Kenning, Ruseel Talbot, Andy Martin. THIRD ROW: Coach George Carro, Adam Shepard, Bob Wenger, Nick Giatis, Ryan Goldflies, Ken Kelly, Allen Mostovay, Giovanny Gatica, Coach Mario Gianfortune. Not pictured: Peppi Laboy.

Varsity
FRONT ROW: Yaron Walny, Tom Shmidt, Jason Henrickson, Paul Neustador. SECOND ROW: Richard Souvenir, Brian Carro, David Grossman, Jason Abbey, Kris Nelson. THIRD ROW: Coach John Marks, Head Coach Steve Glickman, Adam Federman, Brian Miller, Blake Eastman, Ramin Chitsaz, Eric Seidman, Coach Steve Tatkin. Not pictured: Fred Marshall.

Speed Skater.
Freshman Jason Henrickson glides across the ice toward the puck to try to score a goal. Henrickson is the only freshman on the varsity team.

Easy, Killer!
Senior co-captain Jason Abbey hacks away at his opponent. Hey Jay a little violent don't you think?

Going for the GOLD

After finishing last in the 1995-1996 season the Nighthawks looked forward to a better year. The Niles team ended this season with a record of 18-13-8 and a worked their way up to compete in the Combined School Division State Championships. They placed second in state overall. Jason Abbey led the team in scoring ending his season with 24 goals and 19 assists. The other four varsity members from Niles West were Blake Eastman with 13 goals and 11 assists, Adam Federman with 8 goals and 12 assists, Jason Henrickson with 9 goals and 5 assists, Kris Nelson with 8 goals and 11 assists and Ryan Goldflies with 2 asssists.

Not only do you need offensive skills to be a successful hockey player, you also need basic instincts when it comes to being brutal. Junior Blake Eastman said, "I'm very happy that I lead the league in the most penalty minutes back to back two years in a row, and sometimes I even score goals."

Senior captain Jason Abbey replied," I am very proud of our accomplishments this season and I'm glad I had a chance to play with these guys."

by Ticha Maleegrai

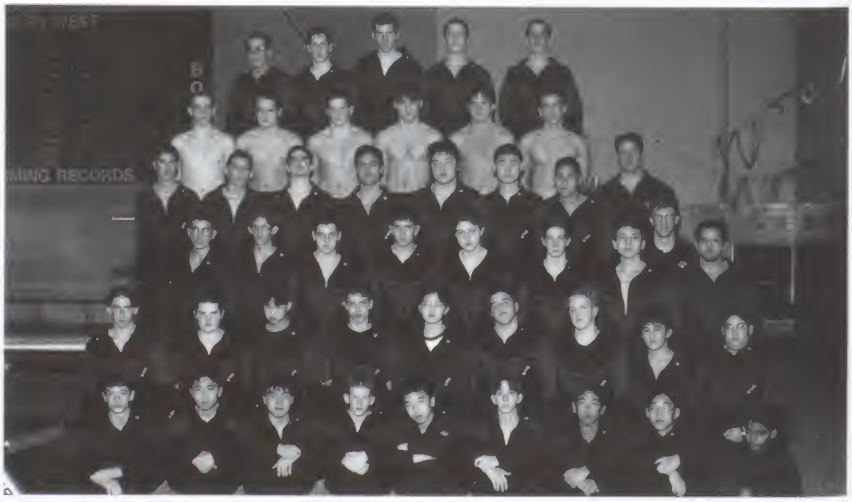
Ready to play.
Juniors Ryan Golflies (left) and Adam Federman (right) are about to enter onto the ice for the last period.

Where did the puck go?
Junior, Adam " Snake-eyes" Federman is reaching for the puck. Federman is trying to score a goal for the Nighthawks.

"I got your back."
Junior Kris Nelson is providing help and protection for his teammate Ryan Goldflies(#69). The Nighthawks have to stick together in order to be sucessful.

BOYS SWIMMING

O-tay!
This little rascal is having a blast at the swim meet. Tom Ahrens is anxiously waiting for his chance at a dive at the water. Use a comb, Alfalfa.



Niles West Swim Team
Front Row: Isaac Kaigan, Richard Trihn, Peter Park, Reid Mammoser, Hary Huen, Alex Carpuzos, Sung Kim, Philip Bai, Essam Sharahafi; Second Row: Mike Freeman, Nick Hidenich, Charlie Cha, Erik Sacks, Yoon Bai, Jamie Guzman, Craig Foytek, Joey Kahn, Tim Popouicci; Third Row: John Hobotakis, Tom Ahrens, Alex Vayser, Joe Laughlin, Eddie Kray, Chris Fortman, Sergey Arustman, Coach Gourley, Chris Torres; Fourth Row: Chris Penegokis, Ricado Acosta, Brian Gelfand, Gary Ramarez, Kevin Chan, Jung Bae Jun, Paul Torres, Coach Stern; Fifth Row: Tim Stevens, Jeff Miscizyn, Derek Faulstick, Pat Brown, Mike Lisle, Jason Macejak; Sixth Row: Mark Micizyn, Dan Kline, Ryan Troop, Jeff Poulsom, Dan Casseta.

IN THE STROKE

With the many sports available in our home-away-from-home, swimming must be one of the most exhausting. Swimming laps back and forth in the pool diminishes anyone's energy. The boys swim team meets mostly before school early in the morning. (The cars you see with the coveted first few spots in the parking lot are actually the swim team's.) How could someone swim so many laps at six in the morning? "It's alright," explains Tom Ahrens. "It doesn't matter if we practice early in the morning or late in the night. All that matters is if we win." But if someone strokes back and forth every day in the morning, couldn't that give a real stroke?

When it comes to this great sport, one must be prepared. Practice is always important, and warming up should always help. But what about being bald? It is a known fact that shaving one's head would increase the speed of swimming, but is it really necessary? "I didn't do it and I'm glad," says Charlie Cha. "It may help out, but I don't want to be some bald guy. That's out of line." What about the other swimmers who actually got a buzz for the extra seconds? Paul Torres says, "Hey, I need all the help I can get."

by Tarak Shah

Ugh, Chlorine!
Ever had to swallow the water while you're swimming? Nothing compares to how much Isaac Kaigan is drinking. It's a gallon-full!

Bubbles Everywhere!
You may not know what Joey Kahn is doing underwater, but with all the bubbles he's making, doesn't it look fun?

Spish Splash.
The water is everywhere! While Alex Carpuzos is focusing on laps, his strokes are slapping the water so hard that they're turning loose!

Strolling by.
Laps must be easy for Mike Freeman. He's just laying back and enjoying the moment. Is this a country club or what?

Breathe in, breathe out.
Swimming takes the breath out of anyone, just ask Jung Bae Jun. He's swimming his laps. These swimmers must really have a great lung capacity!

WRESTLING

Freshmen

FRONT ROW:Brian Dibasillo, Adrian Julio Aponte, Kevin Georgas. SECOND ROW: Harris Abbassi, Matt Isles, Jim Lombardo, Joung Park, Tony Rusinak, George Horvath. BACK ROW: Coach Steve Kasprzyk, Ron Djiarno, Afirim Delisi, Ross Kozlowski, Eric Weuruch.

Junior Varsity

FRONT ROW: Tony jones, Slava Medvin, Mike Schaab, Saad Quadri, Mickey Arabelovic. SECOND ROW: Jarret Spiegel, George Adamidis, Joe Ravenna, Reginald Michael, Andy Zalon, Tom Gawron, Cliff Ramos. BACK ROW: Coach Larry Fogel, Luke Kim, Juan Alzate, Eliot Costianis, David Brodsky, Sean Hendrick.

Varsity

FRONT ROW: Albert Goldstein, Nick Cimmarusti, Elliot Costanis, Dan Kim. SECOND ROW: Hyung-Sup Kim, Matt Smith, Breandan Holmes, Adam Kriticos, Tim Moy, Clifford Ramos. THIRD ROW: Justin Loeffler, B.J. Youngsteadt, Coach Fogel, Brian Gitlin, John Kessel.

Winner!
Freshman George Horvath wins a fairly easy victory over his Notre Dame opponent. Horvath has wrestled several matches for varsity.

Gotcha.
Junior Breandan Holmes puts his opponent in a slightly uncomfortable position. Holmes is a member of the varsity team.

Head LOCK

What sport has positions with names like the chicken wing, leg ride, and cradle? Only wrestling as far as I know. With lots of other positions and names, it can get pretty complicated. Wrestling is one of the most grueling sports that involves one's test of strength and mental stability. It involves intense training and diet. Wrestlers practice everyday after school from 2:45 to 5:15 p.m. They also practice in the mornings from 6:00 to 6:45 a.m. Monday and Wednesdays are workout days, where attention is focused on weight training and toning. Tuesdays are left to running, for a cardiovascular workout. During regionals and sectionals, many wrestlers also work out on weekends.

A healthy diet is crucial to keep wrestlers at their optimum performance. They eat a low fat diet of salads and fruits, and many also take vitamin pills. Why do wrestlers work so hard? Senior captain Nick Cimmarusti puts it best, "You work hard now, knowing you're going to win later." This year varsity captains are Hyung-Sup Kim, Matt Smith, and Nick Cimmarusti. The team had a very good season this year, producing the most wins Coach Fogel had in a single season. Outstanding records were by Nick Cimmarusti with 40 wins and 7 losses, and Albert Goldstein and Breandan Holmes both had over 20 wins.

by June Park

Aww mom!
Senior varsity captain Nick Cimmarusti receives a congratulatory kiss from his mom. That is so cute!

Pin-Ya
Breaking him down, sophomore Eliot Costianis has the death grip on the poor guy. Wrestling requires the heavy use of arm and leg muscles. Did I mention chest muscles also?

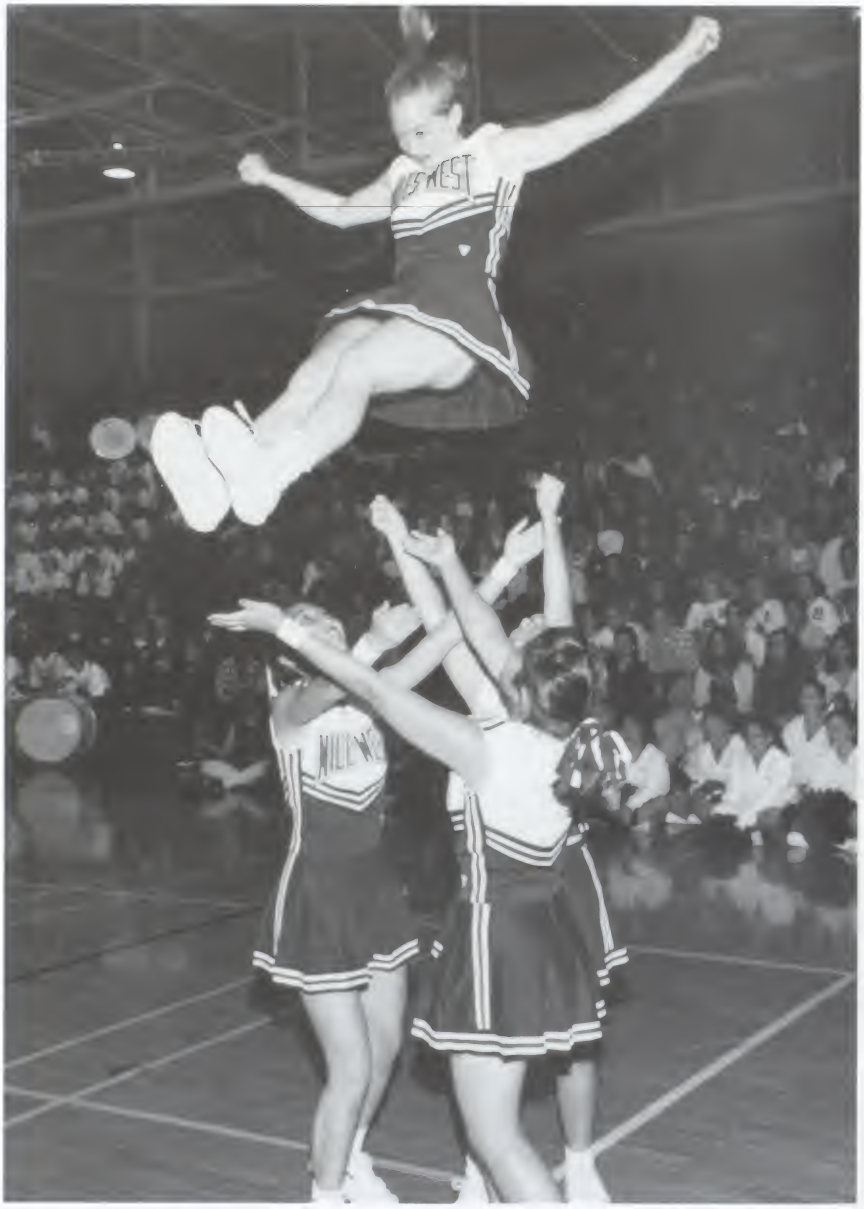
Aggression.
In a position called the bar arm, sophomore Mike Schaab has a tight grip on his opponent.

Freshmen football cheerleaders
First row: Kelly Tracey, Sara Lichter, Annaliza Floresca Second row: Brandy Eisterhold, Pauline Chow

Freshmen basketball cheerleaders
First row: Brandy Eisterhold, Kelly Tracey Second Row: Jennifer Panares, Vivian Beltran, Anna Latallo, Annaliza Floresca, Joanne Kim. Third Row: Sandy Jacobs, Jackie Duchaj, Christine Wescott, Carolyn O'Neill, Sara Lichter

Junior Varsity football cheerleaders
First row: Tina Padlemos, Angela Alomia Second row: Shana Smith, Tiffany Kane, Bang Kim, Terri Hagio, Jennifer Ernst Third row: Stephanie Snyder, Melanie Manego, Jillian Goldberg, Stephanie Anton

Junior Varsity basketball cheerleaders
First row: Tina Padlemos, Angela A, Second row: Emilie Babicz, Bang Kim, Terri Hagio, Third row: JiHyun Kim, Jillian Goldberg, Stephanie Anton, Tiffany Kane



Varsity football cheerleaders
First row: Kathy Litwin, Jill Pasia, Andrea Braovac, Jenny Lee, Candace Gurewitz Second row: Debbie Rosenfeld, Jamie Kane, Sheryll Lapenia, Beverly Aprieto, Roxanne Cabading Third row: Paula Tushbai, Meghan Lichter, Faye Sair, Danielle Isaacson, Lyla Padiernos, Christina Ottlinger

Catch me I'm falling..
Members of the varsity squad exhibit a cradle during a pep assembly. Varsity perform a number of advanced partner stunts that add entertainment to assemblies and games.

Perfect!
Jill Pasia, Christina Ottlinger, and Candace Gurewitz smile proudly as they hit their ending mount. Of course, they couldn't have done it without their bases.

THREE cHEERS

The cheerleaders had a very successful season. With all their hard work, dedication, and spirit each squad improved and advanced throughout the year.

The cheerleaders are coached by Cindy Protus-Edelstein, Jody Weatherington, and Karin Renfro. In the summer, all three squads attended cheerleading camp at Illinois State University. The varsity squad placed first in the Home Pom routine, first in the sideline cheer, and second in the floor cheer. Also, the cheerleaders received the prestigous Leadership Award, an award that other squads at camp vote for. Furthermore, the Junior varsity placed first on their dance as well. Throughout camp, all three squads won spirit sticks and superior ribbons. In addition, seniors Jill Pasia and Kathy Litwin qualified as All-Star cheerleaders and were invited to perform in London. And to top it off, junior Beverly Aprieto placed first in the jump contest.

During the year, the squads attended the UCA Regional competition in Joliet. Varsity placed second in their division and qualified to advance to the National Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida. Qualifying squads from all over the country competed at the MGM Studios in Walt Disney world. Most cheerleaders agreed that going to Nationals was the highlight of the season. Senior Andrea Braovac commented, "I'm glad we decided to go. It was a good learning experience for myself and the rest of the cheerleaders."

Although the girls may have experienced twisted ankles, sore backs, and pulled muscles, their suffering paid off at the end. Dedication and committment was the key to success for this group of hard working girls.

by Jill Pasia and Beverly Aprieto

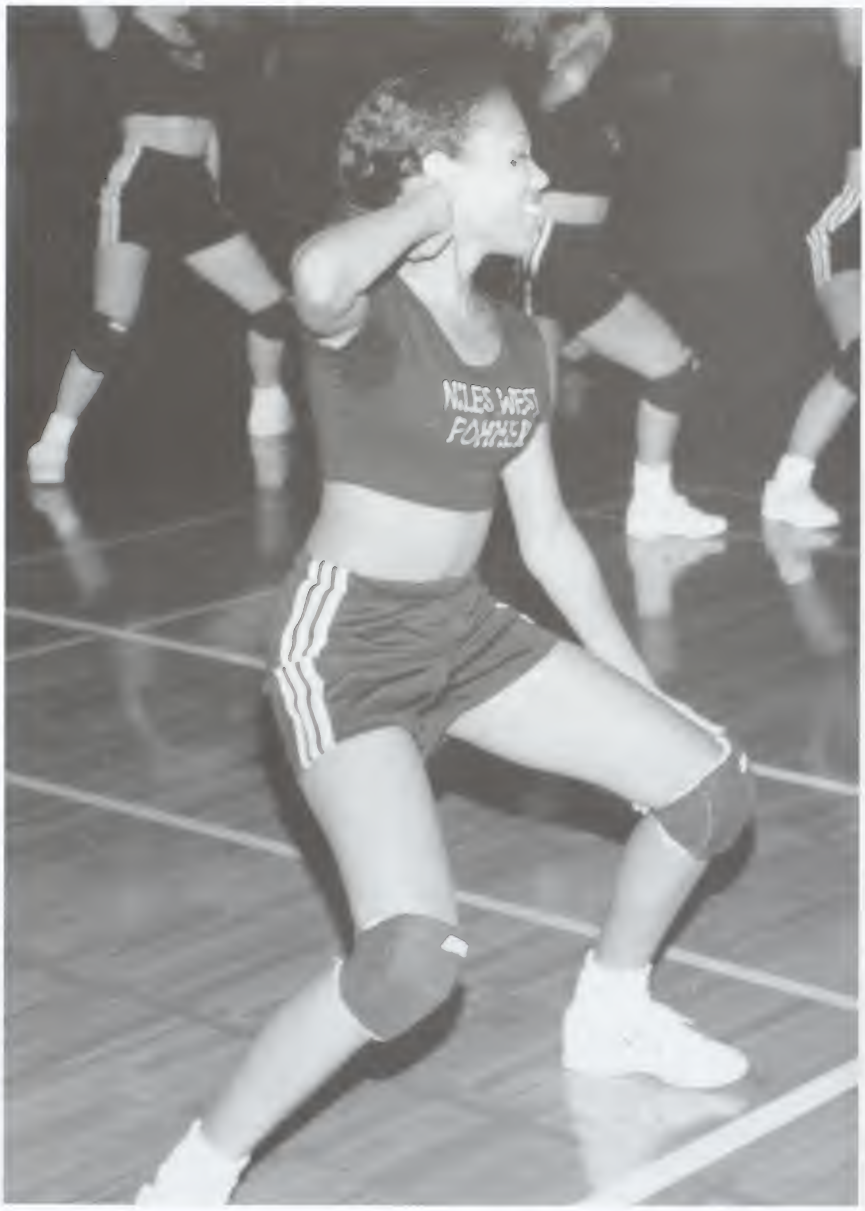
Shopping around.
While in Disney World, members of the squad decide to pose as their favorite Disney character. One girl actually bought the costume!

Look at me!
Senior Andrea Braovac decides to give senior Candace Gurewitz a ride on her shoulders. "I was trying to look for Mickey Mouse!"

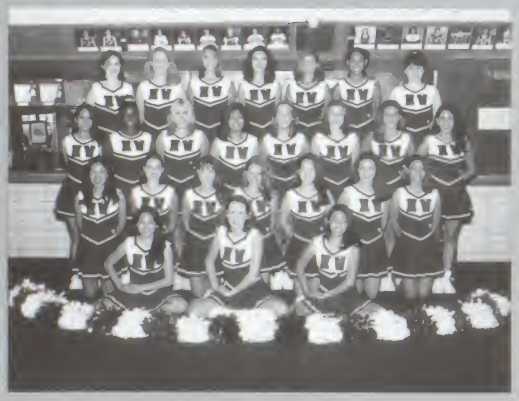
Varsity basketball cheerleaders
First row: Angela Alomia, Jill Pasia, Tiffany Kane Second row: Christina Ottlinger, Candace Gurewitz, Kathy Litwin, Jamie Kane, JiHyun Kim third row: Debbie Rosenfeld, Meghan Lichter, Sheryll Lapenia, Faye Sair, Andrea Braovac, Tina Padiemos

Let's dance.
The varsity cheerleaders show off their dance moves as they perform during the Homecoming pep assembly. The girls were strong in cheering, building and dancing.

POM PON SQUAD



Srike a pose!
Senior Evelyn Rice smiles as she poses during the Homecoming Assembly. Rice has been on the squad since her sophomore year.



Football Season Pommers
(left to right) FRONT ROW: Lucy Parreno, Elena Boodris, Chrissy Maghopoy SECOND ROW: Nancy Sotelo, Tracy Hoffman, Olga Paley, Maggy Majerczyk, Esther Kim, Claudia Mitria, Sherri Torrecer THIRD ROW: Jezreel Escobar, Latoya King, Ana Marchisotta, Christine Tabamo, Michelle Koral, Paula Pisani, Valerie Nicklas, Adriana Mendez FOURTH ROW: Inna Burdein, Sandy Schertzing, Laura Woods, Sandy Pool, Linda Szczepanski,Evelyn Rice, Nikki Tottas

National Pom Pon Squad
(Left to right) FIRST ROW: Chrissy Maghopoy, Elena Boodris SECOND ROW: Olga Paley, Maggie Majerczyk, Nancy Sotelo, Adriana Mendez, Jezreel Escobar, Sherri Torrecer THIRD ROW: Tracy Hoffman, Michelle Koral, Sandy Schertzing, Laura Woods, Linda Szczepanski, Lisa Torres, Valerie Nicklas NOT PICTURED: Lucy Parreno

All together now!
Football season, the pommers perform on the football field during halftime. The pommers are prepping for a toe touch during their routine.

Keep smiling!
Getting ready for a hitchkick, the pommers smile brightly. Facial expressions are a very important part of performance.

SHOOBEE!

Through the sweat, tears, long hours and hard work, the girls on the Pom Squad have grown throughout the year together as a family. Coach Sarell Hesser expressed her feelings by saying, "As the coach of the Niles West Pom Pon squad, I promote unity within the squad. I believe that this is an essential quality to achieve the highest level of performance."

Due to the talent and personality each girl possesses and the encouragement of their coach, the squad has had a memorable year. During camp at Indiana University, the girls received the Leadership Plaque, Spirit Sticks, Superior Trophy, the First Place Drill Down Trophy, and of course the first place for Home Routine which qualified them for the National Dance Championship in Orlando, Florida. Also, All-Star pommers include Chrissy Maghopoy, Lucille Parreno and Paula Pisani. These girls were invited to Paris and invited to perform in the Macy's Day Parade.

Pommers involved in basketball season went to National Dance Championship on January 31st. Sixteen girls competed in MGM Studios against 137 squads from around the United States. The squad placed an awesome tenth in their division. Senior Tracy Hoffman says, "Nationals was much satisfaction. The hard work and effort that we all contributed paid off and I got to see Mickey Mouse!"

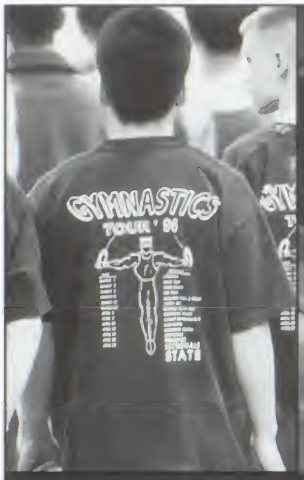
by Lucille Parreno

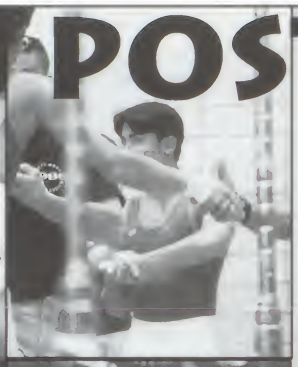
Kick high!
During the assembly, pommers and cheerleaders perform in front of the crowd. The pommers try to entertain the crowd and promote school spirit.

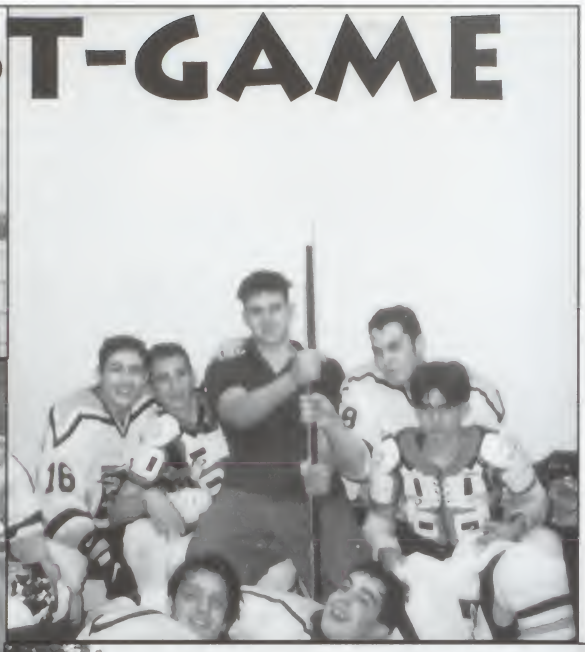
Fly like a bird!
The pommers are captured in midflight while they do a toe touch. It takes a lot of flexibility and muscle to execute a good jump.

Time out.
When they aren't practicing, captains Chrissy Maghopoy, Lucy Parreno are having fun and hanging out. "This year was great and I'll miss all the seniors leaving," says Boodris.

POST-GAME







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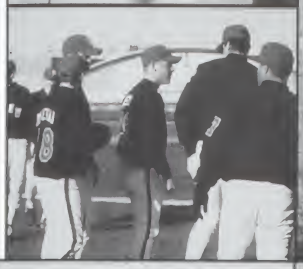

ORGANIZATIONS

Work with Your Peers

Whether you're helping to build houses, studying foreign cultures, or just decorating a float, you need to work with people. Clubs are a chance for favorite activities and interests and sharing them with other people. Others can give you suggestions and help you solve a problem and figure out mysteries. Work with others through organizations and you can solve any puzzle.

Symphonic Winds Ensemble

First Row: Kim Belluomini, Niki Tottas, Jehnus Aranas, Paul Marchuck, Jenny Myung, Debbie Kim, Sung Choe, Tom Vranas, Laura Woods. *Second Row:* Dawn Tarica-Kemp, Andrew Heckerling, Adrian Cuc, Roxanne Cabading, Michelle Hahn, Jenny Landis, Kevin Jeong, Lyla Padiernos, Fumika Takasaki, Scott Krell. *Third Row:* Jason King, Renuka Purimetla, Nishant Pillai, Joey Kahn, Yuri Kim, George Persekian, Bryan Nabong, Manda Gack, Jane Vander Molen, B. J. Youngsteadt. *Fourth Row:* Chris Nelson, Charles Smith, Dan Ertman, Nick Piekos, Galen De Las Alas, Heidi Smith, Nick Dallas, Mike Baffes, Tiffany Sakolsky, Matt Terdich, Chris Harpling, Mark Purtell, Stacey Heilig, Tim Shriver. *Fifth Row:* Sarah Stopka, Andy Bautista, Rhonda Macejak, Rob Kyte, Sandi Kollath, Kate Alpert, Mr.Koch-Director, Tom Gawron, Roger Herling.

Symphonic Band

First Row: Caroline Ishida, Kathryn Drott, Neda Kusolvisitkul, Liz Wozniczka, Kelly McBreen, Kim Cedilla, Heidy Hwang, Laura Schroder, Christe Jackson. *Second Row:* Natalie Aziz, Diana Rumsley, Charles Nadolski, Aldwin Gordula, Andrea Mueller, Jorina Fontelera, Jody Song, Eun Choi, Lisa Vora, Sheryll Lapenia, Sang Park. *Third Row:* Joseph Shin, Kwan Sohn, Peter Rhee, Kiran Madhav, Lorely Sison, Denise Sotelo, Nancy Sotelo, Eddy Chin, Jimmy Shin, Lindsey Joseph, Athena Toliopoulos, John Toliopoulos, Jamie Koser, Lindsey Lehman. *Fourth Row:* Chris Hedquist, Chris Deano, John Moy, Parin Patel, Bruce Snyder, Joe Zale, Jason Kerman, Joe Kougias, Nina Schwartz, Tiffany Sakolski, Mike Baffes, Peter Park, Michelle Morgan, Lowell Yap, Danny Hong, Shane Loiotile. *Last Row:* Mr. Koch-Director, Tom Beveridge, Thomas Gawron, Varun Goyal, Aaron Marshall, Melanie Manego, Brian Vecchione, Linesh Joseph, Scott Mueller.

96-97 Competitive Marching Band

Colorguard: Kathryn Smoody, Danielle Jaron, Genevieve Gosun, Nicole Carranza, Mary Patt Hellum, Meghan Price, Kristey Michalak,Bindu Varghese, Emily Eisel, Sara Scheibe, LeAnn Vollmann, Nahrain Israel.*First Row:* Kristine Mueller-Staff, Mrs. Kyte-Staff, Cheri Benkhe-Colorguard Instructor, Roy Belluomini, Fumika Takasaki, John Paramadilok, Kim Cedilla, Ursula Macejak-Staff, Brian VanMersbergen-Drumline Instructor, Mr. Koch-Band Director. *Third Row:* Jerome Jovero, Joey Kahn-Drum Majors. *Fourth Row:* Bruce Snyder, Lowell Yap, Joe Zale, Hilary Gack, Nishant Pillai, Kelly McBreen, Jehnus Aranas, Liz Wozniczka, Jamie Koser, Suzie Lee, Mike Shine, Sung Choe, Jenny Myung, Laura Shroeder, Erin Perzov, Theresa Piekos. *Fifth Row:* Jane Vander Molen, Kwan Joo Sohn, Michelle Hahn, Matt Goldrust, Chris Deano, John Toliopoulos, Yuri Kim, Jimmy Shin, Shane Loiotile, Galen De Las Alas, Matt Terdich, Parin Patel, Mark Purtell, Tim Shriver, Nick Kougias, Aaron Marshall. *Sixth Row:* Stella Stephan, Dan Ertman, Meghan Goebal, Kim Belluomini, Jolynn Buc, Joe Kougais, Diana Rumsley, John Moy, Adrian Cuc, Andrew Heckerling, Alison Breckler, Stacey Heilig. *Seventh Row:* Brian Nabong, Scott Zehner, Michelle Morgan, George Persekian, Maggie Graham, Bruce Snyder, Chris Nelson, Lindsey Lehman, Sarah Stopka, Melanie Manego, Sandi Kollath, Rhonda Macejak, Bill Larimore, Kate Alpert, Elizabeth Armetta, Grigory Titiyevskiy, *Last Row:* Karl Lursky, Tom Ahrens, Matt Gonzalez, Victoria Rosario, Tom Beveridge, Tom Gawron, Roger Herling, Nathan Bradley, Brian Vecchione, Andy Bautista, Scott Mueller, Rob Kyte, Dan Macias, Lenesh Joseph, Jason Boucher.

Marching To the Top!

One of the most heard, seen, and desired groups is the marching band. Their red, white, and black uniforms represent Niles West and the surrounding communities throughout the state and nation. These elite individuals are always busy organizing, planning, practicing, and of course, performing. The Drum Majors are elected in May. The fieldshow is designed on computer and ready for the marching band in the fall.

Long hot days, blisters, sunburns, mosquito bites, and perspiration are some of the inconvinences that members endure. Band members also attend a very demanding Summer Camp. They meet six hours a day for five days where techniques and the basic drill formations aswell as the music are taught. Of course the more practices you have- the better the final result, and so the band practices four times a week after school for their competitions and parades. The band also performs at varsity football games to hype the crowd's spirit. Each year, the band goes on tour. In the past four years they have traveled to Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, and this year- HOLLYWOOD! This year the tour was five days and four nights. The world saw Niles West's very own perform at theHollywood Christmas Parade in the mist of stars!

Having such a large number of diverse students to cooperate and work as one unit on a show is truly an admirable feat. Membership in the marching band is not manditory, music students join to experiance the comradory of fellow students, and the beauty of the music. That is why the marching band displays such commitment, dedication, and desire, which have come to lead them to success!
by Elizabeth Wozniczka

Jazz Band
First Row: Ozzie Zarate, Nichole Sutherland, Andy Butistta, Brian Vecchione. *Second Row.* George Persekian, Yuri Kim, Joey Kahn, Dawn Tarica-Kemp, Brian Nabong. *Third Row.* Tim Shriver, Matt Terdich, Roger Herling, Mark Purtell. *Last Row:* John Perrine-Director, Nina Schwartz, Chris Nelson, Parin Patel, Jason Limjoco, Joe Kougias, Rob Kyte, Jeff Slabis, Grigory Titiyevskiy.

Concert Band
First Row: Natalie Shaw, Julia Shu,Sunhee Choe, Vivian Beltran, Nooreen Ahmed, Caroline Plett, Christine Wescott, Esther Lee. *Second Row:* Christina Kim, Susie Lee, Jo Lynn Buc, Mike Shine, Kathy Kong, Rishita Shah, Hanna Kang, Evan Korkofigas, Tess Piekos, Robert Hedstrom, Erin Perzov. *Third Row:* Scott Zehner, Freya Riel, Sook Choe, Hee Eyun Kim, Jessica Blair, Allison Breckler, Tina Chen, Megan Goebel, Hillary Gack, Rachel Ritter, Elsie Yoon, Jenny Paneres, Ju Jin Park. *Fourth Row:* Matt Gonzales, Tom Ahrens, Victoria Rosario, Robin Jeng, Gerald Jones, Danna Hawley, Gina Goodfriend, Thomas Cho, William Romero, Matt Goldlust, Karl Lursky, Richard Huddock. *Last Row:* Steven Hedquist, Chriatina Yu, Hetal PAtel, Elizabeth Armelta, Dan Macias, Nick Kougias, Tran Pham, Jason Limjoco, John Lee, Mr Koch-Director.

Chubby Cheeks
Posing with Chillie Willie, junior Brian Vecchione and sophomore Chris Deano, show they are having a great time in Hollywood, California. The parade aired on television on Dec. 21, with over 81 nations tunning in!

Pop N' Rock
First Row: Megan Price, Mark Cunney, Mike Baffes, Melanie Manego, Brian Vecchione, Ozzie Zarate, Kathryn Smoody. *Second Row:* Genevieve Gosun, JoLynn Buc, Kim Cedilla, Tess Piekos, Dawn Tarica-Kemp, Aldwin Gordula, Megan Goebel, Hilary Gack. *Third Row:* Dan Ertman, Bruce Snyder, Victoria Rosario, Tom Cho, Matt Goldlust, Lowell Yap, Bryan Nabong, Mrs. Spreitzer-Assistant to Band Director. *Last Row:* Steve Hedquist, Andy Bautista, Scott Mueller, Dan Macias, John Paramadlok, David Luksik, Jonathon Moy, Aaron Marshall, Tim Shriver.

Chamber Choir
First Row: Beth Dobrowolski, Helen Giannakopoulos, Esther Park, Janice An, Chrissy Roiniotis, Kristen Caruso, Betsy Carrera, Agnes Tessar, Katie Naka, LeAnne Vollmann. *Second Row:* Cathy Song, Kate Uyeno, Stephanie Volk, Nicole Bartl, Jamie Iannotti, Sara Hundahl, Judy Leavitt, Jillian Matik, Brynn Wexler, Miss Bachman-Director. *Third Row:* Jenni Brame, Patima Pataramekin, Mara Silver, Rosie Chwal, Heidi Smith, Junhee Choe, Stacey Paul, Liliya Yampolskaya, Sofia Tirovolas, Laura Schutt.

Master Singers
Front Row: Amy Kimura, Mirye Kim, Grace Choi, Brett Strykowski, Susan Parapetti, Nancy Lee, April Stone, Kara Issac, Nicole Corrigan, Lauren Watanabe, Kate Wielgus. *Second Row:* Miss Bachman-Director, Nicole Sutherland, Ana Marchisotta, Laura Lee, Andrew Dahan, Justin Loeffler, Stanford Kim, Peter Rakovic, David Persky, Aviva Gibbs, Christine Cosmos, Valerie Nicklas.

Clowning Around
Enacting a different kind of "Charlie's Angels" pose, juniors Beverly Aprieto, Jamie Ianotti, and Lorena Marino take a time-out in thier hotel room. The choir was invited with the orchestra on a trip to Champaign for their annual concert.

Expressions
First Row: Kerri Lin, Patima Pataramekin. *Second Row:* Bernardino Bingayen, Brett Strykowski, Ana Marchisotta, Nancy Lee, Tom Wattenbarger, Andrew Dahan. *Third Row:* Justin Loeffler, David Persky, Nicole Sutherland, Stacey Paul, Aviva Gibbs, Brynn Wexler. *Not Pictured:* Betsy Carrera.

Oh say can you see!
Junior Heidi Smith sings the National Anthem at the Winter Pep Assembly. Our former editor, Pin Lin, passed on this tradition to Smith.

Voices of Tomorrow

"Choir is one of the most exciting organizations that I am involved in!"

-Melanie Manego

Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do!!!!! This and many voice exercises are part of the musical department. Any age and gender are part of the chorus that makes our school special and unique. Many students freshman and seniors come together to form this choir. Everyone in our school has heard the chorus once or many more times. They are heard throughout the school, like in the Martin Luther King assembly, most of the Pep assemblies and of course the Pasta and Pops show. They are heard down the hallway singing and perfecting their tones.

The talented and beautiful voices uplift the school spirit. Many students have to practice on their vocal tone to develop the basic tones to carry their voices. The Choraliers practice on their exercises and breathing in order to improve as they sing along for the next years ahead. Concert Choir practices consist of perfecting free tones as well as balancing. Chamber Choir focuses on advance music. Master Singers, the highest level of a performing group in the choral department is made of of a very select group of students. They perform in four choral department concerts, National Honor Society Night, Accolades and graduation. Some of the finest music students take Music Theory, a vital class if one is majoring in music at college. Last but not least is Expressions which is directed by Paula Bachman to perfection.

With encouragement and energy the chorus has been the voice of free individuals expressing their emotions. So with the last exercise I'm out, La, La, La, La!!!!!!!!!! *by Nancy Han*

Choraliers

First Row: Diana Teruel, Mary Martinez, Vickie Gates, Young Mi Kim, Emilie Babicz, Hetal Patel, Jessica Trott, Abbey Eusebio, Haaris Abbasi, Essam Sharafi. *Second Row:* Miss Bachman-Director, Cassie Archam, Brandy Eisterhold, Sunhee Choe, Marice Gascon, Kelly Tracey, Becky Lara, Joey khan, Octavio Lara, Bobby Choi, Charles Pa. *Third Row:* Diana Greyz, Sarah Wagner, Shayna Abbey, Jackie Sauer, Sarah Van Every, Aubrie Loeffler, Hyun Suh, Vanessa Mendez, Connie Lee, Danielle Neitlich, Wendy O' Kane. *Fourth Row:* Geraldine Tzanetatos, Daniela Solovastru, Stephanie Edwards, Angie Vassiliou, Nahraine Stone, Lycurgus Talaganis, Yiannis Talaganis, David Luksik, Chris Panagakos, Niki Dimoulis, Angela Moragiannis, Raquel Lim, Sergey Arustamyan. *Not Pictured:* Ramona Chao, Dan Collins, Shanon Crawford, Nikki Hogan, Amy Jacob, Kristen Karr, Cecelia Lau, Chris Leinweber, Diva Neims, Dennis Norris, Bridget O' Connor, Lauren Tortorice, Mary Yousif.

Concert Choir

First Row: Kelly O 'Reilly, Emily Eisel, Bernardino Bingayen Jr., Camaron Inglesby, Erika Lindstrom, Karla Garcia, Annaliza Floresca, Amy Lim, Betsy Turk, Katie Bieneman. *Second Row:* Aimee Lee, Diana Stoic, Jennifer Lane, Genevieve Gosun, Maggie Majerczyk, Pascale Metellus, Joanne Zimmer, Maria Benetatos, Mika Keegtsra, Jackie Plett, Mary Pat Hellum, Miss Bachman-Director. *Third Row:* Nicole Carranza, Ryan Clarin, Adrienne Mackey, Jessica Jafari, Paul Nikodem-Accompanist, Kim Greenfield,Caroline McDonald, Heidi Saidai, Melanie Manego, Susie Sun, Maria Allocco, Tom Wattenbarger. *Not Pictured:* Jason Aleman, Kim Rantz.

Working Hard
Senior Danny Hwang and senior Brian Gelfand concentrate on their sheet music while playing in the Holiday Concert. Orchestra members play along with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Tah, Dit, Tah, Dot !
Even though the instrument looks bigger than her, sophomore Manda Gack does her best, and shows it off well.

All Together Now!
Senior Eugenia Ahn and junior Jennifer Lee gracefully play at the Holiday Concert . The concert consisted of the top bands, orchestra, and choir groups. The performance included "Chanukah Music for Strings" and " Dance of the Rose Maidens".

Concert Orchestra
First Row: Ryan Clarin, Bianca Olar, Megan Price, Laura Schachtel, Sang Park, Monica Morariu, Harry Sdralis. *Second Row:* Christopher Sotto, Voula Kakaletris, Michelle Constible, Jeanette Weidner, Catherine Kuo, Rebecca Donnelly, Arif Sheikh. *Third Row:* Artem Shakhnovsky, Sarah Stopka, Miriam Ellegant, Roberta Bogojel, Swarupa Vallabhapurapu, Rachna Sheth, Benhamin Yousif. *Last Row:* Bobby Thomas, Mr. Katz- Director, Shantea Casey. *Not Pictured:* Mae Ongos, Allice Kim, Sun Park, Su Lee.

Strings or Strands?!!

"Orchestra is a class were you can relax and unwind during an otherwise hectic day." - Hera Cha

The symphonic sound of the stringed instruments can put any soul to rest. Luckily, our fellow students have mastered the instruments allowing others to partake in pure listening pleasure. Their passion (with their parents' enthusiasm) had led them through the long hours of practice, and their determination to play music, allowed them to bring back Bach, Chopin, Beethoven, and many more to life. "I enjoy playing. It helps relieve some of my stress," says junior James Lee who plays the violin.

Steve Katz is in charge of the orchestra and has been doing a fine job in organizing the several groups of musicians. Each of the students learn the beauty of music. Techniques used during practice help the student build a positive learning experience. Putting forth their best effort, these musicians express and show how they progressed during each concert.

The Orchestra sounds beautiful through the auditorium when we have assemblies and concerts. They have an earblowing experience. Futhermore the orchestra doesn't keep their sound within the school walls. They have played at various places including nursing homes, as well as downstate at Champaign. The talents of the students have caused them to make a bold and beautiful orchestra from plucking, blowing and stringing. *-by Tylor Robinson*

Philharmonic Orchestra
First Row: Eunji Kim, Ji Hyun Cho, Nasreen Ahmad, Ed Cha, Gina Mun, Tina Padiernos, Susie Sun, Sara Swain. *Second Row:* Christina Shin, Jackie Duchaj, Amy Lee, Banq Kim, Andrea Hui, Sandy Choi, Marianna Singer, Aru Wang, Cecilia Lee, Carolyn Narai. *Third Row:* Joanne Lee, Cathy Chutipisalkul, Pauline Chow, Heather Hwang, Priya Khatkhate, Inna Mirsky, Shannon McNella, Kelly Kinslow, Lily Chen, Amy Lim. *Fourth Row:* Mike Kim, Adrian Lorencz, Tom Kim, Paul David, Sung Sik Yoon, Eric Hsiao, Elliot Costianis. *Last Row:* Jeff Slabas, Mr. Steven Katz-Director, Min Sun.

Symphonic Orchestra
First Row: Eugennia Ahn, Jennifer Lee, James Lee, Stanford Kim, Grace Ha, Stella Shon, Hera Cha. *Second Row:* Sora Jung, Gina Chang, Snezna Lukac, Ioan Brad, Nicole Sutherland, Kim Bellouminni, Debbie Kim, Sung Choe, Tom Vranas, Jennifer Myung, Derek Reich, Esther Park. *Third Row:* Janet Choi, Chaiyho Park, John Baik, John Lee, JiYoung Choe, Nick Bappert, Helen Hwang, Tina Ristev, Andrew Kim, Kathy Lee, Michael Kim, Sam Ahn, Dawn Tarica-Kemp, Manda Gack, Heidi Smith, Tiffany Sakolsky, Nick Dallas. *Last Row:* Mr. Katz- Director, Charles Smith, Jason Kerman, Nick Piekos, Matt Terdich, Stacey Heilig, Tim Shriver, Roger Herling, Sarah Stopka, Rob Kyte, Ozzie Zarate, Brian Gelfand, Danny Hwang. *Not Pictured:* Mike Baffes, Jane VanderMolen, Angie Leventis, Maria Dallas, Rebecca Swain.

French Club
First Row: Hera Cha, Nick Zafiropoulos. *Last Row:* Jatin Bhurabhai, Vicki Agorianitis, Vesna Kjieche, Francis Kim, Madame Lou- Advisor.

Jesters Club
First Row: Michelle Deja. *Second Row:* Corrie Bauldauf, Shannon McNella, Lizzy Harris, Lara Rosenbush, Janine Ciemney. *Third Row:* Bob Peterson, Jacob Goldsmith, Cameron Inglesby, Kyle Klipowicz. *Last Row:* Mr. Beaumont-Advisor, Jordan Green, Dave Cohen, Danny Deja, Claudia Peja,Josh Reyes, Jason Almond, Kate Alpert. *Not Pictured:* Ed Pocztowski.

Debate Club
First Row: Angie Leventis, Anna Blinstein. *Second Row:* Adrienne DelGenio, Erin Weinstein, Jonathon Wells, Jocelyn Cornbleet, Chrystyna Kouros.

Leaders Gym
First Row: Jan Miyamoto, Lyla Padiernos, Gina Mun, Jenny Myung, Marley Stolarska, Alinda Musznski, Jamie Hayden, Hyun Kim, Gabriela Vargas. *Second Row:* Jane Lang, Laura Cohen, Lisa Vora, Lisa Milosavajvic, Sarah Koo, Heidi Hwang, Samatha Schwartz, Carol Georges, Kim Bacher, Cortney Krell, Jaimie Kozlowski. *Third Row:* Amy Hildebrandt, Helen Belesiotis, Jenny Lee, Marney Goodfriend, Britt Wilms, Kelly Gshwind, Paula Tushbai, Dan Kim, Alex Bajgrowicz. *Fourth Row:* Kelly Szlak, Jessica Matik, Jennifer Brown, Bridget Walsh, Seung Mahoney, Paul Tores, Jovan Wojtek, Erin Pollyea, Andrea Mueller, James Cho, Craig Hawley, Nishant Pillai, Jeff Poulsom, Hoorkay Bhanpuri, Salesh Patel, Paresh Gandi, Kosta Bebetatos, Jose Caldron. *Fifth Row:* Dominica Wawrzyniak, Marcos Feldman, Jack Dhepyasuwan, Chris Nelson, Johnny LeBlank, Johnny Mui. *Last Row:* Charles Tayona, Bryan Paliza, Mike Gabler, Scott DiBasilio, Brian Gitlan, Seth Grossman, Eric Delacruz, Maher Fakhoury, Steve Drebos, Albert Goldstein.

Band Board
First Row: Nick Dallas, Joey Kahn, Kathryn Smoody, Elizabeth Wozniczka. *Second Row:* Andrew Heckerling, Mark Purtell, Matt Terdich, Christopher Nelson. *Not Pictured:* LeAnn Vollman.

Choir Board
First Row: Mara Silver, Emilie Babicz, Abbey Eusebio, Betsy Turk. *Second Row:* Aviva Gibbs, Heidi Saidai, Katie Breneman. *Third Row:* Beth Dobrowolski, Kerri Lin, Judy Leavitt, Kristen Caruso. *Not Pictured:* Andrew Dahan, Amy Kimura, Angie Vassiliou.

Shhhh, be very, very quiet!
Senior Mark Purtell catches up on his ZZZZ's during the bus ride to the Franklin Park Competition. Marching Band members are exhausted by the day's events consisting of a parade and a field show.

Assyrian Club
First Row: Rita Neesan, Niven Youkhana, Midia Michael, Francis Kambool, Angela Warda, Renette Youkhana. *Second Row:* Zena Koma, Laura Kiorkis, Stella Stephan, Vivian Yousiff, Marcie Markus, Sylvia Chikchay, Lillian Yawanis, Nahrain Youkhana. *Third Row:* Mrs. Adams, Rumson Neesan, Anita Narsu, Natalie Azziz, Belly Zaroo, Diana Anwya, Mary Kanno, Ninva Georges, Ashour Warda. *Last Row:* Stewart Soulaka, Franki Daniel, Danny Shammas, James Mossa, Fadi Sweilem, Mark Shamoon, George Younan, Raymond Akhteebo, Caroline Zaia, Evan Yanan, Sylvanna Yanan, Anita Yanan.

Orchestra Board
First Row: Catherine Kuo, Pauline Chow, Amy Lee. *Last Row:* Danny Hwang, Jenny Lee, Cecilia Lee, Tom Kim.

Academic Decathalon
First Row. Julie Kim, Aldwin Gordula, Hammad Saudye. *Second Row.* Steve Grossman, Rob Kyte, Jane Vander Molen, Andrew Heckerling, Curt Baffes.

Italian Club
First Row. Paula Pasani, Lambrini Lukidis. *Second Row.* Tony Grason, Jamie Iannotti, Kim Belluomini. *Third Row.* Joanna Sinagra, Tom Bisceglie, Ms. Gatta

Indo-Pak Frosh-Soph
First Row. Bobby Thomas, Shibu Ulahannan, Shajan Karottu, Linesh Joseph, Tenyson Maroor, Tim John. *Second Row.* Sapna Kamdar, Nirali Patel, Jeny Pinarkyil, Kariishma Raval, Neepa Patel, Ayesha Sheikh. *Third Row.* Pinkey Patel, Rishita Shah, Shana Gabriel, Shelia Lakhani, Koshani Shah, Farah Haider. *Fourth Row.* Vruti Patel, Sonaj Patel, Nima Patel, Asha Siddiqui, Ambreen Qureshi, Afsheen Zuberi.

Indo-Pak Juniors-Seniors
First Row. Tina Thomas, Swapna Kuruvilla, Uzma Hussain, Zafreen Husain, Saddaf Saudye, Betty Jacob. *Second Row.* Reny Pinarkyil, Beena Joseph, Mahnaz Ali, Lincy Joseph, Julie Ansari, Smitha Varunny. *Third Row.* Neetu Nayyar, Sejal Patel. *Fourth Row.* Sanjay Smarma, Faraz Siddiqui, Sanndhya Vallabbhapuraou, Sreya Patel. *Fifth Row.* Vijay Ararachen, Anand Sonij, Parag Patel, Kuntal Rana. *Sixth Row.* Saad Patel, Parin Patel, James Kannookadan. *Seventh Row.* Joseph Chollampel, Adeel Siddiqui Zeeshoin Alvi, Parshanth Narayan, Vikas Kurian, Nishant Pillai. *Last Row.* Stanely Thomas, Surfaraz Ashraf, Mili Patel, Jignyasa Patel.

Power of the mind

"Acadec is a lot of hard work, you just can't be smart, you have to work hard to succeed!"
-Julie Kim

This year, a new club was added to the list of many, the Academic Decathalon. Yes, it is a club where you need to learn all you can about Math, Fine Arts, Economics, Social Studies, Language/Literature, Science, and Speech. Wow! This club has about 9 members on each team for the state competition, and they all have to have a good grasp on each subject, there can't be one member who knows all the math questions. It takes a lot of hard work to place well in the state competition, which many schools compete in throughout the Chicagoland area. These members practice day in and day out to accomplish their goals. They even sacrifice their Saturdays to test themselves. Overall these kids are constantly studying for the competition. Just when you thought homework was hard enough. But let this fool you, this club is not made up of all the smart students at school. The club is overall fun, and Mr. Grossman, the sponsor of the club, has a few goals in mind. " I want the club to grow in popularity, and I would like to see more involvement." So don't think that you have to be a mastermind to join, you just have to want to meet some new people and get ready to have fun! *-by Michelle del Pino*

Art Club
*First Row.*Rachel Ritter, Ilana Berlin, Brian McNeela, Linda Oh. *Second Row.* Janine Ciemny, Lizzie Harris, Shannon McNeela, Lara Rosenbush, Jessie Ideno, Sara Swian. *Last Row.* Tony Grason, Amy Jacobs, Mrs. Miller, Corrie Baldauf, Polina Bedrikovetsky, Ken Tautkus, Margarret Kamyshina, Laura Schachte.

H2O Club
First Row. Kenny Nakai, Nancy Choi, Renjan Karottu. *Second Row.* Dan Kim, Joanne Kim, Aimee Lee, Jenny Park, Elise Yoon, Pinkey Patel, Esther Lee, Candice Son, Jorina Fontelera, Christina Kim. *Third Row.* Justin Lee, Sara Park, Hanna Kang, Mina Suh, Theresa Ha, Esther Lim, Jason Cho, Janet Choi, Carolyn Nakai, Yu Jin Park, Soja John. *Fourth Row.*Joseph Shin, Michael Min, Alejandra Hyun, Stephanie Burak, Kaquel Lim, Esther Park, Angela Park, Yogeeta Keny, Chris Yun John Lee, Sandi Choi. *Last Row.* Kevin Jeong, Richard Kim, Mr. Puff, Sam Alexander, Hannah Kim, Stash John, Tylor Robinson, Shajan Karotiu, Susie Suh, David Kim, Julia Shu Hyo Kang.

Freshmen Cabinet
First Row: Amy Miyake, Candice Son, Jiyoon Bae, Pinky Patel. *Second Row:* Janice Hsu, Diva Neims, Heather Eisner, Stephanie Bosak,Lauren Corday, Freya Riel. *Third Row:* Jim Stoneberg, Lorin Drexler, Victoria Rosario, Marley Lusfig, Liza Melidonian. *Fourth Row:* Ben Horwitz, Maria Benetatos, Tina Sheth, Catherine Kuo. *Last Row:* John Arends, Kevin Matten, Geoff Sabin, Lycurgus Talagonis, Yiannis Talagonis.

Sophomore Cabinet
First Row: Liz Perri, Jennifer Lane, Tom Wattenbarger, Steve Chertow, Saad Quadri. *Second Row:* Patrick Brown, Maria Dallas, Joel Schnider, Francis Villegas, Nick Zafiropoulos. *Third Row:* Debbie Levine, Claudia Lopez, Dara Sacher, Jennifer Earnst, Matt Brown, Marie Grunst-Advisor. *Last Row:* Andrea Allen, Liz Comrov, Shayna Harris, Jennifer Rottner, Brynn Wexler. *Not Pictured:* Mary Noonan, Janice An.

Junior Cabinet
First Row: Stacey Lucas, Dana Cash, Danielle Issacson. *Second Row:* Valerie Nicklas, Courtney Krell, Colleen McKenna, Alit Ashwat, Heather Liipner, Samantha Kitover, Elaine Kim, Bianca Nanfria, Alpert Rufin. *Last Row:* Marley Stolaarska, Melissa Levy, Ivana Seronja, Lisa Boldt, Alinda Muzynski, Blake Eastman, Dan Flood, Paula Toshbai. *Not Pictured:* Brittney Block.

Senior Cabinet
First Row: Eric Oh, Issac Feder, Gabe Horwitz. *Second Row:* Paul Ceisel, Tasia Benetatos, Leslie Nono, D.J. Landicho. *Third Row:* Mrs. Dunham-Advisor, Mike Lisle, Ben Saltz. *Not Pictured:* Matt Jeans, Kim Richards, Andrea Braovac, Ticha Maleegrai.

Look at me!
After playing mind games in preparation for the Adacemic Decathalon competition, junior Hammad Saudye relieves stress with his friend Curious George. It seems that this little monkey wants to join the team- make West proud!

"Union is a fun and very involved organization. We are very proud of both successful dances."

-Kim Belluomini

Leading In Spirit

You are probably wondering what Student Union is and why we need them. Student Union is a group of caring and involved students who meet weekly, mods 14-16. They are the masterminds behind many important events that take place at Niles West. Assemblies and pep rallies are organized by Student Union. They also plan and decorate all of our dances. In order to do all of this, Student Union has tons of fundraisers.

The current president of student Union is junior Lorena Marino, and Mr. Serpico has been the proud organizer of the Union for five years. Mr. Serpico said he sponsors Student Union so he can relate the students outside of the classroom to get to know who they really are. "Working with all of the kids is definitely my favorite part of Student Union.", says Serpico.

Freshman Janice Hsu recommends being a part of Student Union to "become an active member of the student body; to contribute to the well-being part of West; to feel good about yourself. These are the positive results of being in Student Union." *by Shayna Duesenburg*

Student Union
First Row: Karla Medina, Lorena Marino, Leslie Nono, Paul Ceisel. *Second Row:* Christine Tabarno, Kim Bellumini, Debbi Levine, Darlene Landicho, Pinkey Patel, Janice Hanh, Esther Kim. *Third Row:* Ms. Metzinger, Tina Sheth, Bianca Anafria, Paula Tushbai, Melissa Levy, Ivana Derunja, Marley Stolarska, Jennifer Rothner, Francis Villegas, Mr. Serpico. *Last Row:* Matt Brown, Pat Brown, Garry Jackson, Mary Noonan, Dara Sacher, Nick Zafiropoulos.

Student Senate
First Row: Sanja Kim, Courtney Krell, Stacey Lucas, Heather Lipner, Diva Nelms, Erin Perzov. *Second Row:* Shayna Harria, Maria Dallas, Joel Schneider, Saad Quadre, Ben Horwitz, Steve Chertow, Dana Cash, Ben Saltz, Hitesh Melita, Tasia Benetatos. *Last Row:* The Schwarzenager, Sandy Klein, jessie Reagan, Liz Comrov, Geoff Sabin, Danny Spitz, Adam Federman, Gabe Horowitz, Derek Chutipisalkul, John Arends, Kim Richards, Cathy Doczekalski.

Strike a pose
Seniors Lucy Pareno and Chrissy Maghopoy dance perfectly together in step. They give the audience their moneys worth.

Shout!
In the conga number, Seniors Sandy Pool, and Niki Tottas lift their arms in jubliance.

Smile for the camera
Face glowing, Graduate Mainie Manta takes a shuffle step foward.

You want this!!!
Junior Marley Stolarska reflects attitude in her dance. Stolarska has been on Orchesis since her freshman year.

Grace
Senior Carry Lim performs her ballerina in true graceful fashion. Graduate Tanya Sosa dances in the background.

"Type a qoutes here it should not be very long"

KEEP *on dancing*

The orchesis dance company has been sponsored by Ron Culver for the past five years. Each year, the dancers have to put in a great effort in order to make the show entertaining. This group of dancers consists of fifty Orchesis members, and twenty Orchettes who make the season successful. People think that dancing is simple, but it requires much effort and practices to put together a whole show together consisting of at least twenty numbers.

The dancers practice every Wednesday and Friday from three to about five thirty. Once individual members begin practicing, people have to also practice almost everyday from five to seven. Then come the company numbers! This means waking up at eight each Saturdays and practicing 'till almost one in the afternoon. Tech week starts a week before the show which means extra practice everyday on stage with the costumes 'till everything is perfect.

Lights, camera, action! We did it again. Keep on Dancing was the theme used last year throughout the program. Many dances and costumes were from the sixties, yet others were also unique. They worked hard and met their goal. The dancers finished their last performance with a huge smile on their face and a sigh of relief. *-Marley Stolarska*

Orchesis
First Row: Sandy Pool, Evelyn Rice, Lucy Parreno, Chrissy Maghopoly, Paula Pisani. *Second Row:* Nancy Sotelo, Ana Marchisotta, Beverly Aprieto, Sherri Torrecer, Ester Kim, Maggie Majerczyk, Adriana Mendez. *Last Row:*Jose Olivares, Marley Stolarska, Lisa Calbert, Sheryl Lapenia, Michelle Koral, Lauren Coray, Gretchen Villaluna, Lisa Torres, Niki Tottas, Katrina DeOcampo, and Jim Kedan.

Orchettes
First Row: Miryana Vujosevich, Roxanne Cabading *Second Row:* Joanne Moche, Sandy Kollath, Bang Kim, Jean Gavina, Irene Nones. *Third Row:* Shayna Abbey, Stephanie Anton, Shayna Duesenberg. *Last Row:* Alice Filip, Dianna Stoic, Dara Sacher, Beena Joseph, Jeanette Sliwinski, Niki Dimoulis, Crizen Plaza, Bris Villanueza.

Latino Club

Israeli Club
First Row: Heather Eisner, Shayna Duesenberg, Paulina, Freya Reil. *Second Row:* Marina Shoffer, Sandy Klein, Jessie Reagan, Helena. *Third Row:* Rachel Ritter, Amy Jacob.

Filipino Club
First Row: Jason Chen, Tona Ma, Ryan Oroc, John Sagon. *Second Row:* Chris DeAno, Clifford Ramos, Elmer Gomez, Charles Toyona. *Third Row:* Christine Tabamo, Jezreel Escobar, Jean Gavina, Tracy Martin, Ivan Cuaresma. *Fourth Row:* Khristine Tan, Hijshen Panares, Samantha DelMundo, Dione Baliuggit, Joane Noche, Jackie Tan, Theresa Martinez. *Last Row:* Scott Chironapitaks, Carolyn Guerrero, Leslie Nono, D.J. Landicho, Crizen Plaza, Mr. Flynn.

Korean Club
First Row: Thomas Cho, Brian Lee, Jin Kim, Richard Park, Carol Kim, James Park, Jason Park. *Second Row:* Bobby Choi, James Lee, Yuri Kim, Yumi Jang, Joanne Lee, Jenny Park. *Third Row:* Alice Kim, Elise Lee, Young Mi Cho, Pauline Chow, Raquel, Helen Hwang. *Fourth Row:* Andrew Kim, Sun Hee, Marnie Goodfriend, Debbie Kim, Anna John. *Fifth Row:* Young Il Kim, Nancy Choi, Mark Rhee, Charles Yi, Stephen Chang, Francis Son, Hanna Kang. *Sixth Row:* Hyun Jang Kim, Gina Chang, Sarah Koo, Grace Choi, Chainyso Park, Sung Choe. *Seventh Row:* Ji Eun Kim, Grant Hsing, Anna Lee. *Last Row:* Tylor Robinson.

Jetting out ahead

"We get an adrenaline rush."

-Dima Moussa

It only consists of fourteen members, but it emanates a lot of brain power. The newly named WYSE team geared up once again this February with coach Ann Levinson to take on the rest of the state. The competition included forty minute multiple choice exams on seven subjects: biology, chemistry, computers, engineering graphics, English, and physics. Each team member is tested in two of their best subjects in order to participate.

The fourteen students were selected by tryouts, just like any other sport. However, these tryouts were determined by the quickness of the brain, not by the quickness of hands or feet. Actually, those hands could have been quite useful in filling out those scan tron as quickly as possible. For the past three years or so, the WYSE team has been pretty successful due to the speedy hands, and the team members were not about to let the school down. So for the second half of the year, members attend math practices as well as inquire the help of the other teachers in the various subjects. And you ask,where do these members get the motivation to study on their own? In the words of senior Dima Moussa, " It's weird, but we really do get an adrenaline rush competing against other schools." *-Reni Kim*

Curry does not exist.
The Indo-Pak Club walks in the Homecoming Parade showing their heritage spirit. Seniors Sam Alexander and Renjan Karottu walk in the crowd with the other members wearing a dothi.

W.Y.S.E.
*Front Row:*Ann Levinson, Nicole Corrigan, Mili Patel, Reni Kim, LauraCohen, Sarah Koo, Nick Dallas, Donald Chan. *Back Row:*Dima Moussa, Andrew Hecherling, Paul Nikodem, Micheal Savchenko, Dan Ertman, Grant s Baffes.

Scandonavian Club
Top row: John Reifenburg, Christian Dethloff, Susan Parapetti, Barbara Samuelson, C.J. Castillo, Tracy Hoffman, Lisa Hudik, Emily Babicz, Mrs Vanalstin. *Bottom Row:* Christopher Swanson, Tom Varanas, Chrystina Kouros, Bridgette Franz, Jennifer Ledoni.

Serbian Club
Bottom Row: Lisa Hastings, Stephanie Dragoi, Dianna Stoic, Natasha Dragio, Diana Maric. *Second Row:* Nick Orlic, Mirjana Vujoshevick, Tina Ristv, Milan Gorgevic. *Top Row:* Mr. Schwartz, Maja Vujoshevich, Jelena Petkovic, Jovan Vojcic, Vesna Kljajic, Snezana Marinkovic

Thespians
Bottom Row: Jessica Elkayam, Erin Nelson, Nikki Suss, Jenny Spear, Adrianne Schoen, Stacy Lucas, Cari Costa. *Second Row:* Seth Miller, Chris Swanson, Jennifer Abbasi, Alan Lewis, Aviva Gibbs, David Persky, Nicole Sutherland, Susan Parapetti, Sofia Javed, Alice Lee. *Top Row:* Matt " Land O Lakes" Jeans, Kate Alpert, CIndy Olsen, Christine Johnston, Eric Rosenbush, Justin Bender, Melissa Venn, Beth Dorbrowolskin, Christian Dethloff, Tom Wattenbarger, Kevin Jeong.

S.A.D.D.
Bottom Row: Angle Siargos, Renee Stolis, Chrissy Papnick. *Top Row:* Theodora Analitis, Stacy Lucas, Courtney Krell, Kim Bacher, Mr. Puff, Jenny Lau, Marianna Lyuichenicks.

NHS
Front: Marjana Marinac, Christine Tabamo, Priti Patel, Jenny Landis, Reni Kim, Julia Medvin, Erick Oh, Lucy Parreno, Nicole Corrigan. *SecondRow:* Rehana Patel, Mary Fazelian, Carol Kim, Tracy Hoffman, Erin Nelson, Amy Ginsburg, Sandy Klein, Mili Patel, Sinee, Kopsombut, Hitesh Mehta, Alex Chudnovsky, Isaac Feder, Amanda Erickson, Sofia Javed, Renee Stolis, Simone Kung. *Third Row:* Kim Belluomini, Dima Moussa, Heidi Eichler, Nick Dallas, raphael Kiam, Pal Ceisel, Susan Parapetti, Kwan Lee, Sam Alexander, Angelo Ramos, Kerri Lin, Christy Policht, R.J. Meyer, Janaid Ahmed. *Fourth Row:* John Baik, Curtis Baffes, Andrew Heckerling, Maria Trogranic, Kim Richards, Faye Sair, John Lee, Cindy Olson, Gary Ramirez, Brian Varghese, Jane Vander Molen, Jenny Abbsai. *Back Row:*Robert Altman, Tony Gloriosa, Andres Alvear, Mark Purtell, Da Nitoi, Dan Ertman, Gabe Horwitz, Mike Savchenko, Lavor Balabanvo, Donald Chan, and Jason Park.

"I love trashing peoples houses, because they don't know who did it."

- Renuka Purimetla

RAIDING Niles West

Ever wonder while arriving at school, that ever so tired 1st day in August, who would have the audacity to throw toilet paper all over our trees? Well, the wondering stops here....it's your upperclass junior and SENIOR girls. To some they are known as the girls who jerseys with names no one understands on the back, while to others they are known to be the Midnight Riders. Sure with the term Midnight Riders you'd think they go out and toilet paper the football players houses at midnight, wrong, try more like 9:oo pm. With a brief meeting at West, the two classes split up, recieve the addresses of the players and are off to do the T.P-ing.

Along the way, some forgetful person may stop off at Jewel to by more T.P. while others stop off at the Holiday Inn for theirs. While quietly approaching the players' houses on Thursday night before a home game, they look around to see if the players car is still out at the captains' house for the pre-party. Some riders are climbing on roofs while others are writing with chalk or shaving cream. Niki Mollet says, " I'll never forget putting one of my friends on Nick Mitria's roof. After all is done, the riders drive by the house for one last look, and lay on the horn to let everyone know that they are finished.

Candice Gurwritz says, " The best thing about Midnight riding is on Homecoming when I borrow the goat to put on the front lawn of school from Jamie Guzman's house, but don't worry I put it back." " May the tradition of Midnight Rider's T.P.ing go on 4Ever," says Lisa Kuman. *-Rachael Trylovich*

Midnight Riders
Top row: Natalie Semasczuk, Julie Zusstone, Clarissa Placko, Kim Belluomini, Judi Leavitt, Jocelyn Cornbleet, Christine Cosmos, Jessica Knudsen, Susan Shamoon, Sanela Cobalovic, Tracy Peterson, June Park, Marley Stolaraska, Joanna Klinceweiz. *Bottom row:* Jill Pasia, Jessie Reagan, Sandy Klein, Michelle Koral, Nicole Pagani, Niki Mollet, Renuka Purimetla

Science Olympiad
First Row: Jonathan Zavelovich, Charles Pa, Paul Stachowicza, Priya Khatkhate, Erika Lindsrom, Jatin Bhurabina. *Second Row:* Curtis Baffes, Dima Moussa, Mike Baffes, Marsha Slobodnik, Natalya Topovovskaya, Brian Nabong, Cathrine Kuo, Moon Lee, Matt Gonzalez, Eric Chan, Rickie Goyal, Elizabeth Ramseyer. *Third Row:* Charles Nodolski, Tony Gloriosa, Sam Alexander, Michael Savchemko, John Lee, Andrew Heckerling, Jeff Olson, Jason Chan, John Arends, and Howard Swider.

Color Guard
Front Row: Nahrain Israel, Kathryn Smoody, Leanne Vollmann. *Second Row:* Danielle Jaron, Genevieve Gosun, Sara Scheibe. *Top Row:* Mary Pat Heelum, Bindu Varghese, Nicole Carranza, and Megan Price. *Not Pictured:* Kristey Michalak.

Academic Bowl
*Front Row:*Charles Pa, Dima Moussa, Priti Patel, Relana Patel, Jason Park, Eunji Kim. *Second Row:*Mike Baffes, Steve Chertow, Andrew Kim, Sarah Koo, Tom Vranas, Azam Hussian, Jenny Lee. *Top Row:*Mr. Swider, Brian Nabong, Andrew Heckerling, Hitesh Mehta, Iavor Balabanov, Angelo Ramos, Adam Mathes, Natish Madhiwala, Eric Chan, Curtis Baffes, and Mrs. Shapiro.

Peermediation
First Row: Priti Patel, Mili Patel, Samantha Kitover, Courtney Krell, Tom Vranas, Stacy Lucas, Kimberl Bocher, Hitesh Mehta, Dima Moussa, Andy Hamada.

West Word
*Bottom Row:*Sonja Kim, Mary Fazelian, Sara Hansen, Anna Blinsten, Tom Wahenbarger, Adam Mathes. *Second Row:*Erich Eiermann, Renuka Purimetla, Danielle Davino, Lambrni Lukidids, Monica Maciel, Sofia Javed, Jennifer Abbasi, Jocelyn Cornbleet, Huma Ansari. *Third Row:*Cecilia Lee, Angie Leventis, Kara Kezios, David Klingenbeger, Marina Pergament, Andy DeMonte, Scott Sabin, Damon Nikolopoulous, John Lee. *Last Row:* Azam Hussian, and Demosthenes Nikolopoulous.

Romanian Club
First Row: Victoria Morariu, Diana Stoic, Natasha Dragio, Stephanie Dragio secretary), Monica Morariu V.P.). *Second Row:* Mr. Paul Wack(Sponsor), Ciprian Cue, Viad Botezatu, Daniel Nitoi(President), and Ioan Brad

Behind the Scene

> *"Shows are ensemble productions. Therefore, every crew position is vital."*
>
> *-Jenny Abbasi*

In all the plays held at our school there are always a group of people working behind the scenes, obviously. They are like the unsung heroes of every show.

They build, paint, and design the sets. The stage manager and ESL teacher Cynthia Philbin says, "some students prefer to work behind the scenes rather than on stage." There is usually one faithful group that signs up for crew every year, but of course there are always a few new people."

The crew comes in from three to five-thirty every Saturday before the show until the set is built, and all the props are made. Every year there is a student stage manager, who in the words of Philbin, "runs the show." They have an incredible amount of responsibilities. They are in charge of the actors, the tech people, they give the lighting cues, and are in charge of the musical director. The stage manager for "Godspell" was senior Jennifer Abbasi. "Shows are ensemble productions. Therefore, every crew position is vital," said Abbasi. It would be safe to say that Abbasi was one of those faithful crew members Philbin mentioned above.

There are many positions behind the scenes that the show coul not do without. The people on crew take on the positions of director, tech director, sound engineer, and choreographer. There are three shows during the year where the faculty directs the show and at the end of the year there is one student-produced play. So for the people in black, bravo!

-Shannon Hardesty

Ultimate Frisbee
Front Row: Tom Vranas, Claudia Deja. *Second Row*: Mike Baffes, Simone Kung, Rosie Chwal, Gina Zimmer, Gabe Horwitz, Ben Horwitz, Isaac Feder. *Third Row:*Mike Brown, Vijay Avarachen, Eric Hsiao, Scott Sabin, Parin Patel, Tim Moy, Mr. Nortillo, Ben Yarrow, Rachel Bradley, Angelo Ramos.

Model United Nations
First Row: Adrienne Del Genio, Chrystyna Kouros. *Second Row:*Shaun Waldron, Hammond Saudye, Bryan Nabong, Jenny Myung, Sam Ahn. *Not Pictured:*Sarah Koo, Natish Madhiwala, and Sung Choe.

Interesting Developments

You hear it from your parents. You hear it from your counselor. You even hear it from your junior high teachers. Get involved!!! There must be at least a million clubs here, so it should be no problem to get out and mingle with your fellow students, right? Well, what if there are just no clubs that interest you? What if you have a passion for comic books and there's nothing you'd rather do after school than discuss the latest Marvel plot developments, but the Comic Club simply doesn't exist? You could always start your own club.

Starting a new club may take some work, but it isn't as bad as most people would think and it can really pay off in the end. And, now, you have this handy yearbook guide to starting a new club at your disposal. With just a little work, you can soon be calling to order a meeting of your very own club.

1.) **Find other people who share your interests.** It's not going to be much fun sitting all by yourself after school. So, talk to your friends. (You must have something in common with them if you hang out with them.) Also, consider putting up some posters asking if people are interested. (NOTE: If you're planning on putting up posters, be sure to have them approved in the main office first. You wouldn't want your posters to get torn down before anyone saw them, would you?)

2.) **Find a sponsor.** Students aren't allowed to hang around the building without supervision, so, unless, you plan to have all the group meetings at your house, you'll need a sponsor. Make sure to ask a teacher you like, so spending time with him/her isn't awful. Also, avoid asking teachers who are already overloaded with other activities.

3.) **Complete the necessary paperwork.** This is the tedious part. You'll have to get all the official information from the main office. They'll provide you with a list of requirements and specifications. One of these requirements will be the writing of a rather lengthy constitution. You'll have to decide how officers are chosen, what the club's purpose will be, what both your major events and daily activities will be, and other things that will help keep the club running smoothly even after you have graduated and are no longer around to answer questions. It will take some time, but in the end, you'll get a lot back. You'll have somewhere to go, something to put on your college applications, and the feeling that you've really done something.

by Heidi Eichler

Ready, willing, and able. *Senior Eric Chan anxiously awaits the next question at an Academic Bowl practice. Along with Academic Bowl, Chan also competed as a pole vaulter on the track team,which he has been a member of for four years.*

Your attention please. *Senior Kenny Nakai prepares to address a meeting of the West Helps Others Club in the Oakton Lobby. Nakai, a dedicated member for all of his four years here, was one of the officers who helped keep the club's activities running smoothly.*

Getting that warm fuzzy feeling.
Junior Brigid Walsh helps makes posters for Toys for Joys, which distributes toys to needy kids. There are numerous service clubs, such as WHO and SAVE, that allow students to help others.

Squeezably soft.
Members of Midnight Riders take a break from teepeeing to pose for the camera. Many other groups, such as sports teams, follow Midnight Riders lead and decorate athlete's houses before important meets to boost team spirit.

Brain Food.
Senior Math Team members Dima Moussa, Mike Savchenko, and Andrew Heckerling take a break from practice to enjoy some sub sandwiches. Many Math Team members are also involved in other academic activities such as WYSE (formerly known as JETS) and Academic Decathalon.

DESIGN YOUR OWN

It's time to get creative! We've decided to take a little break and give all of you wonderful readers a chance to create the yearbook page of your dreams. Fill it with whatever (and whoever) you want. Have fun and be daring, but don't forget to follow the basic rules regarding layout design. Make sure you have a large photo (a dominant, as we in the biz say) to catch the eye. Don't forget to label every picture with a caption, because, forty years from now, you won't

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remember half of what happened during your high school career. Good luck and have fun. Remember, this is your moment to make the yearbook yours.-The 1996-97 Spectrum Staff.

bye

Class of '97 says

Our mission is accomplished, as this book suggests. But what does that mean? Well, for every student in this school, the mission is different. The difference exists mostly because we are of varying ages, and age is significant concerning many of our values and goals. For instance, a freshman's goal may be finding the quickest route to a bathroom. This goal seems reasonable for his age because he is still trying to feel his way around the school. A sophomore might instead time how long it would take him to go to these bathrooms between classes. See, a sophomore is so comfortable with the route that he can think about the practical aspects of bathroom trips. A junior would take it a step further and count how many times he can come into class late without getting a detention due to those emergency bathroom trips. A junior would already be so cocky that he would start testing the teacher. His goal is to find the cutest puppy face to pull off as many bathroom excuses as he can. Finally, the senior counts how many times he can be late to class with his cute puppy face as well as how many times he can go to the nurse to get a cough drop or a band-aid. His goal is to test the boundaries a little bit more and see what is exceptable for him to do.

All these missions (no matter how trivial) are different, yet they have one tying factor, and that doesn't mean bathrooms. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors learn to interact with others in their environment in different ways. Each student has to find his way into the heart of the school so that he can find his niche. The student mentioned in the scenario above was at least able to use his devious and sneaky personality to avoid as many detentions as possible. Therefore, we may not realize it, but every year we as individuals complete our personal missions by finding a place in the school where we distinguish ourselves. When we start out our mission, it's like a puzzle that's just been dumped out of the box. Pieces are everywhere, and as we gather information, those pieces come together. In the end, you look back at that completed mission and take pride in the finished product.

In this mission of four years, the hope is that every one of you learned something about yourself so that you may take that knowledge into tomorrow and share it with the world. You never know, that homing device for bathrooms could come in handy one day.

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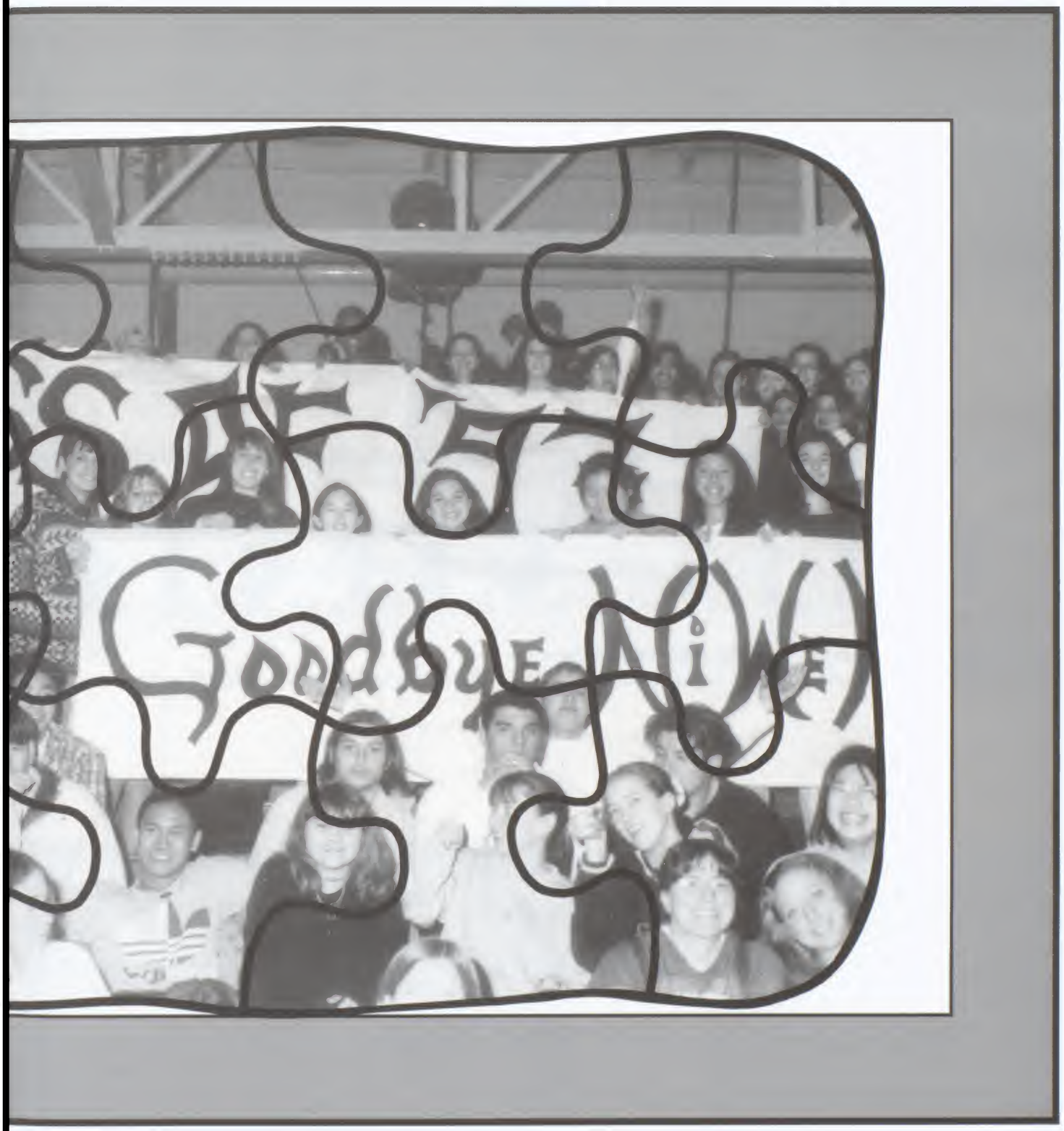
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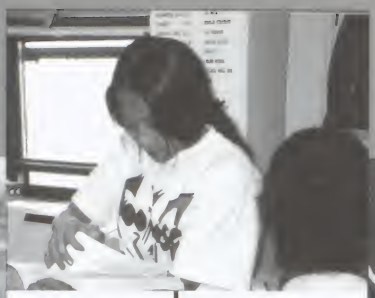
Hitting it hard.

Hiding and scoping out the scene.



Finding those necessary synonyms.

Asante. Pride in culture.

Full Circle

Becoming goodwill ambassadors.

Conferring one last time in a huddle.

Receiving high honors.

Recruiting fresh talent.

Passing the glory on.

Buzz, beep, shoot!

Learning how to West Word from the pros.

Circle yourself with friends.

You've received your assignment and carried out your orders. Now it's time to savor your success and prepare yourself for your next mission. But first, here's a quick look at the past mission.

Putting it down in ink.

Displaying emotion.

Tooting that horn.

Finale. Be happy and get ready for the next one.

Fully automated.
Staff Members Marley Stolarska, Shannon Hardesty, and Lucy Parreno work on their layouts. The entire book was created on computer for the first time, causing countless headaches for the staff.

What to do.
Marley Stolarska asks Reni Kim a few questions about which pictures to include in the Turnabout lay-out. Kim is rarely seen enjoying a calm moment in good old room 310.

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Makers of the Puzzle

I wanna be in the yearbook too.
Michelle del Pino and Liz Wozniczka take a moment away from their cropping to pose for this snap shot. Wozniczka and del Pino were extremely dedicated workers and were liked a lot by the editor in chief.

Workin' it.
Ticha Maleegrai and Tylor Robinson complete their athletics pages. Maleegrai was an intricate part in making the athletics pages as great as they are.

Our book at a glance.
Heidi Eichler and Lynde Hopper flip through the hard copies of the yearbook pages in search of the missing golf pages. You can imagine the joy they felt when they found it two minutes later.

Pix galore.
Grishma Shah and Rebecca Lara cut up spare pictures for the collage. Most staff members would agree that the collages are the most representative pages of the school because there are no limits as to how many candids can go in.

A is for apple.
Herff Jones representative Maureen Olofsson and Kelly McBreen compile the index. Even though yearbook's transition from paper to computer made tedious tasks such as the index much easier, the computers also caused many heart attacks.

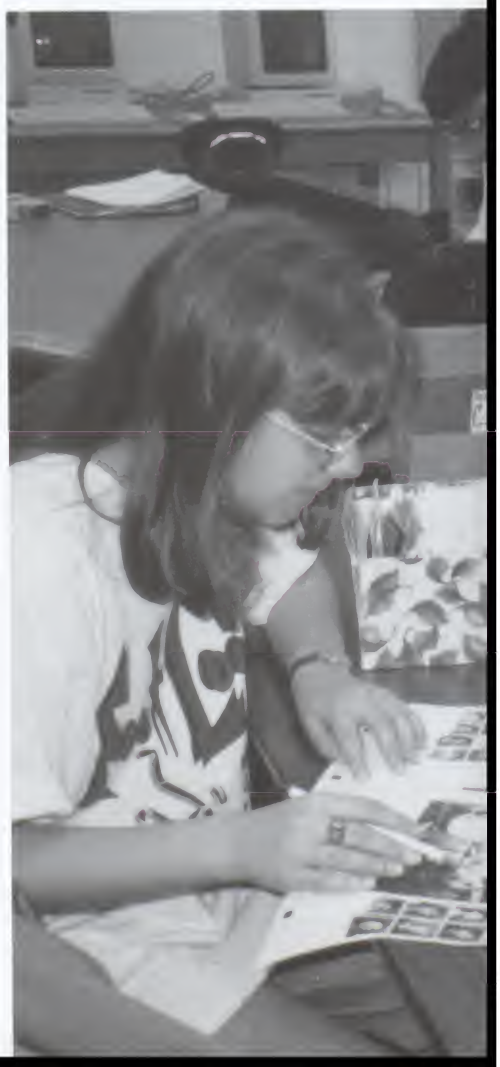
Stress, what STRESS!?!

I can't hear.
As he tunes everybody else out, Joe Zeman sees how many pictures need to be sent in for his organizations spread. Organizations is one of the most difficult sections to produce because you need to be very "organized". There was a bit of a problem in that area this year, so please forgive us.

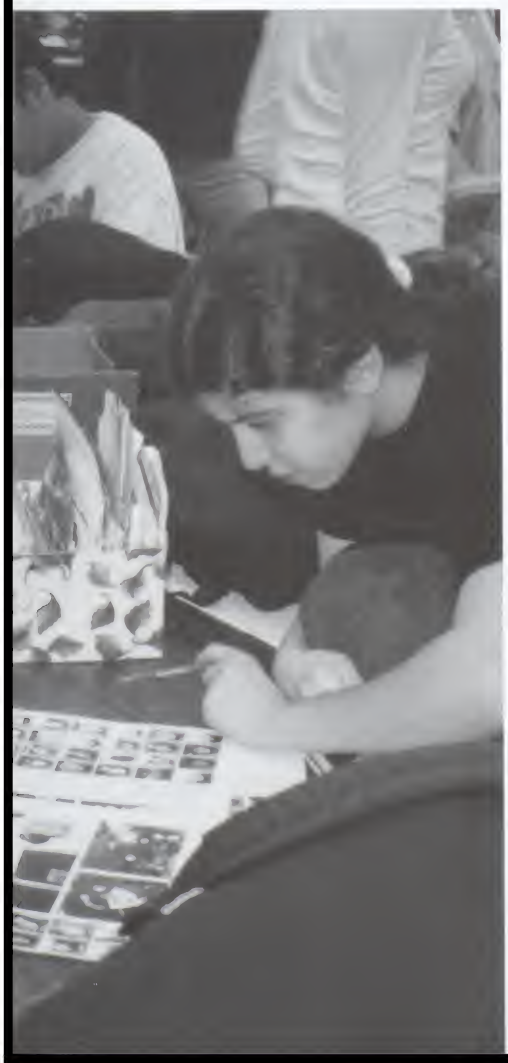
I'll be quiet, I promise.
Finishing the girls gymnasitcs lay-out, Tylor Robinson makes sure he doesn't say anything to tick off the editors. Robinson is found giving massages to anyone who's stressed in the publications room.

Where's the alpha list?
Athletics supervisor Ticha Maleegrai types in the last of the Hockey team names. At this moment, Maleegrai was praying her pages would not suddenly vanish. After all, that's never happened to her before. Yeah right.

What's his name?
Shayna Duesenberg and Rebecca Lara correct the underclass proofs. Proofs are photo copies of the pages that have been sent into the plant. Therefore, when the staff receives them, they can make some of those last corrections that were overlooked originally.



Hiding out.
Taking a break from all the chaos before a final deadline, adviser Michele Lewis finds peace and quiet in her cozy office. As adviser, some of the responsibilities Lewis takes care of are the proofs and she also helps with the copy (writing) that is submitted.



Editor's Acknowledgments

Well, my last year of Friday late nights, computer mishaps, and missed deadlines has come and gone and, strange to say, I'm actually going to miss it. (Well, not all of it.) It's been tough, but I'm incredibly proud of this book, even if everyone else hates it. There were times when I was about ready to shove a cropping pencil through my eye, but a few people brought me back from the edge, and it's time to give them their snaps.

Ms. Lewis, thank you for putting up with us and catching all the mistakes that got by us. I know that we drove you crazy, but you stuck with us. You helped keep us on track and you picked up the pieces when things fell apart.

Maureen, you are beyond amazing. Not only would this book not look half as good, it wouldn't even be finished. You have got to be the world's greatest rep. Any representative who will come over to my house and work on my cramped bedroom floor deserves a big raise.

Kelly, my fellow Park View alum, I won't forget our good times (yes, we had some!). Good luck next year. I hope you come to love the computer index as much as your old favorite.

Lynde, thank you for a year of unrecognized work and crazy captions. You have definitely gone above and beyond the call of duty. Next year, when I come to visit, we must hang out the window again together.

Liz, you must relax and learn to take it all in stride, or you'll never make it through next year. Also, thanks for covering for you-know-who and keeping him fairly on top of things.

Michelle, thank you for being so incredible. You learned so fast and so well, I know you must be gifted in yearbook.

West Word staff, can't we all just get along?

Jane, thanks for all of our marathon phone conversations when I complained about all those people you didn't know, those problems you couldn't understand, and everything else you couldn't care less about. When ever I wanted to just scream, you were there for me to vent at.

Mom and Dad, thanks for understanding that I still loved you, even though I was never around.

Reni, thank you most of all. Thank you for being my teacher, my colleague, and my friend. You are one of the most incredible people I've ever known and probably will ever know. Years from now I know your dedication and brillance will still astound me.

Love, Heidi Eichler

Editor's Acknowledgments

Dear Niles West,

I hope you all have enjoyed this book as much as I enjoyed sending in the final pages to the plant. It has been a wild year, but I must admit I am a bit sad to just suddenly have to let go of this publication. A lot of stress and paper cuts went into the production of this book, and for an entire year I had control of what went in and what was cut out of it. It is strange to believe all two hundred seventy-six pages actually exist in black and white (and color) and are bound together for all of you to see. Well, here it is. I have to say how grateful and honored I am to have committed four years of my life to publications. If anything, producing this yearbook was my most real experience in high school. It was even worth all the stress, and that's saying A LOT. Of course, I could have never survived this year if not for these few special people:

Heidi, I can't even begin to say how much I appreciate your dedication and your friendship these past chaotic years. I don't know how you did it, but you managed to calm my nerves whenever I needed it. More than anything, your strength throughout this very difficult year has truly inspired me.

Ms. Lewis, thank you for taking care of all the things I was too oblivious to notice. We were able to finish because of your support. Thank you so much.

Maureen, from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for everything you've done for us. I know you went beyond the call of duty, (especially working on Heidi's bedroom floor during the strike) and you are a huge reason for the success of this book. Thanks for not yelling at me when I procrastinated and thanks for being so patient.

Lynde, you bent over backwards and then over again to help out. I will never forget your generosity, selflessness, and your awesome ability to finish pages at the blink of an eye. We had fun, didn't we? Yeah!

Kelly, Liz, Lucy, & Ticha, I want to thank you guys for taking charge of your sections the way I wanted you to. And Lucy, thanks for the collages.

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Kara, I want to thank you for mediating and letting me whine to you about stuff. It really helped ease the tension.

Staff, thanks for contributing your efforts. I really did appreciate it, even though I may not have shown it.

Yours Truly, Reni Kim

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JASON ABBEY Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Hockey 3,4; Leaders Gym 3,4; Student Union 1

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HEIDI EICHLER National Honor Society 3, 4; Peer Leaders 2, 3, 4; Students Against Drunk Driving 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Union 1; Swim Team 2, 3; Yearbook 2, 3, 4

AMANDA ERICKSON German Club, Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Scandinavian Club 3; Track 1

MARY FAZELIAN C.E.C. 3,4; Debate 1; German Club 1,2,3,4; Images 1,2,3,4; Internet Club 4; National Honor Society 4; Newspaper 1,2,3,4; Seminars for Scholars 4

ISAAC FEDER Athletic Leadership Council 4; Class Cabinet 2,3,4; E.C.C. 3,4; Film Club 2,3,4; Israeli Club 1,2; Jesters Club 4; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; N.W. Community Council 4; P.A. Announcer 2,3,4; Seminars for Scholars 4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Student Senate 3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Wrestling 1

CARRIE FOLISE Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; Midnight Riders 3; Volleyball1

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KATY GARDNER Class Cabinet 1,2,3; Orchesis 1,2,3; Softball 1; Student Senate 1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4

AMY GINSBURG Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 2,3; Midnight Riders 3,4; N Club 3; National Honor Society 4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Student Athlete Leadership Council 3,4; Volleyball 1

BILLY GIANNOPOULOS Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Hockey 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; WHO Club 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4

TONY GLORIOSA Cross Country 1,2; Drafting Team 3; National Honor Society 4, Science Olympiad 1,2,3,4; Track & Field 1,2

JASON GOLDLUST Athletic Leadership Council 3,4; German Club 2,4; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; WHO Club 2,3,4

MONICA GREN Indo-Pak Club 1,2,3; Polish Club 2

JAIME GUZMAN Baseball 1; Basketball 3; Chess Club 1,2; Croation Club 1,2,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Freshmen Cabinet 1;
Leaders Gym 2,3,4; Radio Car Control Club 1,2,,3,4; S.A.V.E. Club 1,2,3; Spanish Club 4; Swimming 1,2,4; Volleyball 2; WHO Club 4

MICHELLE HAHN Band 1,2,3,4

CHRIS HARPLING Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3; Marching Band 1,2,3

ANDREW HECKERLING Academic Bowl 3,4; Academic Decathlon 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Debate 1,2; Internet Club 3,4; J.E.T.S. 2,3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Math Team 2,3,4; Science Olympiad 3,4; Track 3,4

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ROGER HERLING Brass Quintet 3; Marching Band 1,2,3; Symphonic Wind Ensemble 1,2,3,4

CHRIS HEUER Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 2,4; German Club 1,2,3,4

TRACY HOFFMAN Pom Pon Squad 2,3,4; Scandinavian Club 4; Seminars for Scholars 4; Tutors Club 3,4; Volleyball 1,2; WHO Club 1

GABRIEL HORWITZ Film Club 2,3,4; Frisbee Club 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; NOLS Rep. 4; NW Community Council 4; Seminars for Scholars 4; Senior Cabinet 4; Soccer 1,2,3; Student Senate 4; Tutors Club 2,3,4; Volleyball 1

TAMMY HRAJUOHA French Club 1,2,3; S.A.V.E 1,2; World of Difference 3,4

JOEY HUSCHER Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4

DANNY HWANG Basketball 1; Football 1; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Orchestra Board 1,2,3,4; Seminars for Scholars 4; Soccer 2,3,4; Student Athlete Leadership Council 3,4; Track & Field 1,2,3,4

KARA ISAAC Film Club 2,3; Scandinavian Club 4; Soccer 1,2; Sophomore Cabinet 2, Student Senate 2,3,4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Theatre 1,2,3,4

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ARCH JAMJUN Chinese/Thai Club 1,2,3,4; French Club 1,2,3; Spanish Club 2; Track & Field 1,2,3,4

DENISE JARJOSA Assyrian Club 1,2,3,4

SOFIA JAVED Debate 1; International Thespian Society 3,4; Math Team 1; National Honor Society 4; P.A. Announcements 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 1,2,3; Theater 1,2,3,4; West Word 2,3,4

MATT JEANS Art Club 1,2,3,4; Class Cabinet 1,4; Film Club 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 2,3,4; N.O.T. 1,2; Soccer 3; Student Union 1; Theatre 2,3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4

JEROME JOVERO Football 1; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Jazz Lab Band 3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 1; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Symphonic Winds 2,3,4; Track & Field 1,2,4

RENJAN KAROTTU H_2O 3,4; Indo-Pak 2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,4; WHO Club 4

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Funny Farm!
They look like senior Kate Alperts hands, but are they? NOPE, they are senior C.J. Castillos. By the time students reach their senior year they learn to work together and have fun doing it.

RAPHAEL KIAM Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Soccer 1,2,3,4

CAROL KIM Athletic Leadership Council 3,4; H_20 Bible Study 1,2; Korean Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Tennis 2,3,4

DEBBIE KIM Concert Band 1,2; H_20 Bible Study 1,2,3,4; Korean Club 1,2,3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3; Orchestra 3,4; Symphonic Band 2,3,4; Tennis 3; Track 2; Volleyball 1

HYUNG-SUP KIM
D.E.C.A. Business Club 3,4; Football 1,2; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; H_2O Bible Study; Korean Club 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4

RENI KIM National Honor Society 4; Peer Leaders 3,4; WHO Club 1,2,3,4; WYSE 4; Yearbook 1,2,3,4

AMY KIMURA Choir 1,2,3,4; Japanese Club 1,2,3,4; WHO Club 1,2

SANDY KLIEN Cross Country 1,2; EPAC 4, Israeli Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; NWCC 3,4; Orchettes 2,3; Orchesis 4; S.A.V.E. 1; Seminars for Scholars 4; Snowball 1,3,4; Student Senate 4

JOANNA KLINCEWICZ Color Guard 2; Midnight Riders 4; Polish Club 2; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Track & Field 3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 3; WHO Club 1,2,3,4; World of Difference/ Peer Diversity Trainers 3,4

JESSICA KNUDSEN Basketball 1; Midnight Riders 4; Soccer 2,3,4; Softball 1

DAN KOGUT Polish Club 2

SINEE KOPSOMBUT Athletic Leadership Council 4; Chinese/Thai Club 1,2,3,4; Japanese Club 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Orchestra 1,2; Science Olympiad 1,2; Spanish Club 1,2; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3; WHO Club 1,2,3,4

MICHELLE KORAL Cheerleading 1,2; Midnight Riders 3,4; Orchesis 2,3,4; Pom Pon 4

LISA KUMAN Cheerleading 1,2; Leaders Gym 3; Midnight Riders 3,4; Orchesis 3,4; Softball 1

SIMONE KUNG Athletic Leadership Council 4; National Honor Society 4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 3,4

DARLENE LANDICHO Class Cabinet 2,3,4; Filipino Club 1,2,3,4; International Night Committee 4; Student Union 2,3,4

JENNIFER LANDIS Athletic Leadership Council 4; Diving 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3; National Honor Society 4; Orchettes 4; Who Club 3

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JUDY LEAVITT Chorus 1,2,3,4; Leaders Gym 3,4; P.A. Announcements 4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Win With Wellness 3

JOHN LEE National Honor Society 4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Science Olympiad 1,3,4; Tennis 2,3,4

LAURA LEE Art Club 1; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Korean Club 1,2; Swimming 2; WHO Club 1,2,3,4

JORDAN LEVY Newspaper 2,3; Soccer 1,2; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4

KERRI LIN Cheerleading 2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Expressions 3,4; National Honor Society 4; Orchesis 2,3,4; Peer Mediation 4; S.A.D.D. 1,2,3,4; Swimming 3; Volleyball 1; WHO Club 1,2,3,4

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CHRISSY MAGHOPOY Cheerleading 1; Orchesis 2,3,4; Pom Pon 2,3,4; Student Cabinet 2

TICHA MALEEGRAI Athletic Leadership Council 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class Cabinet 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Committee 4; Midnight Riders 3,4; Track & Field 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Yearbook 1,2,3,4

MARJANA MARINAC Dean Monitor 1,2,3,4; French Club 3; National Honor Society 4; Serbian Club 1,2,3,4

SUSANA MAYORGA Latino Club 3,4; S.A.V.E. 4; Spanish Club 2, Stage Crew 1; WHO Club 4

JULIA MEDVIN Peer Leaders 3,4; Soccer 1; Tennis 1,2,3,4; WHO Club 2,3

HITESH MEHTA Academic Bowl 2,3,4; Class Cabinet 1,2; Cross Country 1,2; National Honor Society 4; Peer Leaders 3,4; Science Olympiad 1,2,3,4; Student Senate 1,2,3,4; Tutors Club 4

BOBBY MENDOZA Basketball 1; Filipino Club 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Wrestling 2

NICK MITRIA Baseball 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 2

NIKI MOLLET Athletic Leadership Council 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Class Cabinet 2,3; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; Midnight Riders 3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3

VOULA MORAGIANNIS Hellenic Club 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1; WHO Club 3

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TIMOTHY MOY Golf 1,2,3,4; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; Scholar Athlete 4; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Wrestling 1,3,4

GEORGE NIKOLAKAKIS Athletic Leadership Council 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Hellenic Club 3,4; Peer Mediation 3,4

LESLIE NONO Class Cabinet 3,4; ECC 4; Filipino Club 1,2,3,4; Student Union 3,4; Tennis 1,3; Track 1

ERICK OH Baseball 1; Class Cabinet 2,3,4; Class President 3,4; D.E.C.A. 4;Executive Coordinating Council 3,4; Football 2,3; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; NW Community Council 3,4; Seminars for Scholars 4; Student Senate 3,4; Track & Field 3,4; WHO Club 4

CINDY OLSEN Bible study 1; Class Cabinet 2; Japanese Club 1,2,3; National Honor Society 4;Science Olympiad 1; Swimming 2; Theatre 1,2,3,4

CHRISTINA OTTLINGER Cheerleading 2,3,4; Chorus 1,2; Midnight Riding 3,4; Track 1

NICOLE PAGANI Basketball 2; Class Cabinet 3; Herbal Studies 3,4; Italian Club 4; Midnight Riding 3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4

CHRISSY PAPNICK C.E.C, 4; Dean Monitor 2; S.A.D.D. 1,2,3,4; S.A.V.E. 4

SUSAN PARAPETTI Cross Country 1,2,3; Chorus 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Scandinavian Club 4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Theater 1,2,3,4

JASON PARK Art Club 1; Bible Study 1,2,3; Internet Club 3,4; Korean club 1,2,3,4; Math Team 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Science Olympiad 1; Tennis 1,2; Tutors Club 3,4

JUNE PARK Art Club 2; Midnight Riders 4; Tennis 1; World of Difference 3,4; Yearbook 4

LUCY PARRENO Cheerleading1; PomPon 2,3,4; Orchesis 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Peer Leaders 3,4; Yearbook 3,4; Midnight Ridrs 4

JIGNYASA PATEL French Club 1,2; Indo-Pak 1,2,3,4; Internet Club 4; Powder Puff 4; WHO Club 2

MILI PATEL Indo-Pak Club 1,2,3,4; J.E.T.S. 4; Math Team 1; National Honor Society 4;
WHO Club 3,4; Yearbook 1

NIRA PATEL German Club 2,4; Indo-Pak 1,2,3,4; Internet Club 1,4; WGO Club 1,4

PARAQ PATEL Indo-Pak 1,2,3,4; Internet Club 3,4

PRITI PATEL Academic Bowl 4; Indo-Pak 1,2,3,4; J.E.T.S. 3; Math Team1,4; National Honor Society 4; Science Olympiad 1,2,3,4; Seminar for Scholars 4; Tutors Club 4; WHO Club 4

REHANA PATEL Academic Bowl 2,3,4; Images 2,3; Indo-Pak 1,3,4; National Honor Society 4; P.A. Announcements 3,4; Peer Diversity 3,4; Peer Leaders 2,3; Peer Mediation 4; WHO Club 1,2,3,4

MARINA PERGAMENT Friends of Amnesty 2; S.A.D.D. 4; Tutors Club 4; West Word 4; WHO Club 1,2,3,4; Winning With Wellness 3

TRACY PETERSON Basketball 1; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 1

JELENA PETKOVIC Midnight Riders 4; Serbian Club 3,4; Student Senate 4

CLARRISA PLACKO Color Guard 1,2; Internet Club 3; Midnight Riders 4; Polish Club 2; S.A.V.E. 1; Swimming 1,2,3,4

KEELY POTTER Art Club 1; Korean Club 1,2; Swimming 2; WHO Club 1,2,3,4; Ultimate Frisbee 2

RENUKA PURIMETTA Band 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3; C.E.C. 4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; French Club 3,4; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; Midnight Riders 4; Symphonic Orchestra 3; Seminars for Scholars 4; Track 1,2,3,4; West Word 3,4; WHO Club 2,3,4; World of Difference 3,4

MARK PURTELL Concert Band 1,2; Ice Hockey 2,3,4; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Marching Band 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Orchestra 3; Symphonic Band 3,4; Wrestling 1

SUHAIB QUADRI
NW Qur'an Study 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1

GARY RAMIREZ Diving 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 1,2,3,4; Marching Band 1,2; National Honor Society 4; Percussion Ensemble 1,2; Student Athlete Leadership Council 3,4

ANGELO RAMOS Academic Bowl 2,3,4; Leaders Gym 2.3.4; National Honor Society 4; Peer Leaders 3,4; Seminars for Scholars 4; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; Volleyball 1

CLIFFORD RAMOS Filipino Club 4; Frisbee 3; Wrestling 2,3,4

KUNTAL RANA Academic Bowl 2,3,4; Basketball 1; Indo-Pak Club 2,3,4; International Club 1; Internet Club 2,3,4; Math Team 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1

JESSIE REAGEN E.P.A.C. 4; Israeli Club 2,3,4; Midnight Riding 3,4; NW Community Council 3,4; Orchesis 2; Orchestra 1,2,3; S.A.V.E. 1; Seminars for Scholars 4; Snowball 1,2,3,4; Student Senate 4

EVELYN RICE Basketball 1; Friends of Amnesty 2; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; Midnight Riders 4; Orchesis 3,4; Pom Pons 2,3,4

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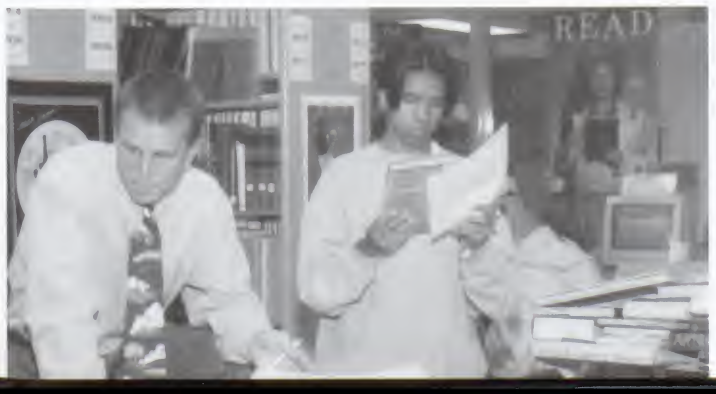

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SCOTT SABIN Film Club 2,3,4; S.A.D.D. 1; Soccer 1,2,3; Sports Club 2,3; Ultimate Frisbee 2,3,4; West Word 4

FAYE SAIR Cheerleading 2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Softball 1,2; Theatre 1

TIFFANY SAKOLSKY Concert Band 1,2; Ethnic Diversity Club 3,4; Film Club 3; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 2,3; Symphonic Wind Ensemble 3,4; Softball 1,2

SUSANA SACEDO Orchesis 2,3; Spanish Club 1; Volleyball 1,2

DANES SAMANO
Basketball 1,2,3,4

BARBARA SAMUELSON Band 1,2,3; Cross Country 1,2; Midnight Riders 3; Photography Club 2; Scandinavian Club 3,4; Soccer 2,3; Track & Field 1,2; WHO Club 2

MICHAEL SAVCHENKO Cross Country 1,2; Internet Club 4; J.E.T.S./WYSE 3,4; Math Team 3,4; National Honor Society 4; Science Olympiad 1,2,3,4; Tennis 3,4

JANET SCHABOW Peer Leaders 2; Track 2

NATALIE SEMASZCZUK Internet Club 3; Midnight Riders 4; Polish Club 2; S.A.V.E. 1; Swimming 1,2,3,4; WHO Club 1,2,3,4

JALPA SHAH Art Club 1; D.E.C.A. Marketing 4; Peer Leaders 2,3; S.A.V.E. 1,2,4; S.A.D.D. 1,2,3,4; WHO Club 1,2,3,4

SUSAN SHAMOON Basketball 1,2,3; Soccer 1,2,3; Volleyball 1,2

TIM SHRIVER Concert Band 1,2,3; Jazz Band 3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Philharmonic Orchestra 3; Soccer 1,3; Symphonic Orchestra 4; Symphonic Wind Ensemble 4

ADEEL SIDDIQUI Aeronautics Club 3; Gymnastics 1,2; Indo-Pak 2,3,4; Qur'an Study 1,2,3,4

CHARLES SMITH Concert Band 1; H_2O Bible Study 1; Marching Band 1; Orchestra 2,4; Symphonic Band 2,3,4

MARSHA SLOBODNIK Cross Country 2,3; Science Olympiad 1,2,3,4; Swimming 1; Track 1,2

KWAN JOO SOHN H_2O Christian Club 1,2; Korean Club 1,2,3,4; Library Volunteer 4; Marching Band 2,4; National Honor Society 4; Tennis 2,3; WHO Club 3,4

ANAND SONI Indo-Pak 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2; Wrestling 1,2

JENNIFER SPEAR C.E.C. Club 3,4; International Thespian Society 3,4; Scandinavian Club 4; Swimming 2; Theater 2,3,4; WHO Club 1

SUE SUDD Theatre 2,3,4

NICOLE SUSS Art Club 1; German Club 4; Leaders Gym 2,3,4; Peer Leaders 1,2,3; Scandinavian Club 3,4; Seminars for Scholars 4; Theater 2,3,4; Thespians 4

KATHY STACHOWIAK Chess Club 1,2; Cosmetology 1,2; Polish Club 1

CHRISTOPHER SWANSON Art Club 1,2; Cross Country 4; N.O.T. 1,2; Scandinavian Club 4; Theater 2,3,4; Thespians 4

LINDA SZCZEPANSKI Basketball 1,2; Class Cabinet 1,2,4; DECA 4; Midnight Riders 3,4; Orchesis 4; Pom Pon 3,4; Softball 1; Student Senate 1,2; Student Union 1

CHRISTINE TABAMO Class Cabinet 2,4; Filipino Club 1,4; National Honor Society 4; Pom Pon 3,4; Student Union 2,3,4; Volleyball 1

NIKI TOTTAS Gymnastics 1; Hellenic Club 1,2,3; Marching Band 1,2,4; Orchesis 2,3,4; Pom Pon 2,4

MARIA TROGRANCIC Band 1; Basketball 1; Croation Club 2,3,4; Midnight Riders 3,4; Soccer 1,2; WHO Club 1,2; Yearbook 1,2,3,4

RACHAEL TRYLOVICH
S.A.D.D. 3; Serbian Club 1,2,3; Volleyball 1; WHO Club 2

BRIAN VARGHESE Cross Country 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Student Athlete Leadership Council 4; Tack & Field 1,2,3,4

WENDY VEGA Latino Club 3,4; Spanish Club 3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1

LEANNE VOLLMAN Chorus 1,2,3,4; Color Guard 1,2,3,4; Midnight Riders 4; Swimming 1,2,3,4; Wrestlettes 2,3,4

MAYA VUJOSHEVICH Class Cabinet 1,2; Midnight Riders 3; Serbian Club 1,2,3,4; Soccer 2; Student Union 1; Volleyball 1,2

JENNIE WELCH Basketball 1,2; Track & Field 2,4

MIKE WOLFORD Baseball 1,2; Football 1,2; Swimming 1,2,3,4

ZHENG XIANG Basketball 1,2,3,4; H_2O Bible Study 1,2; Korean Club 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4

BEN YARROW Film Club 2; Seminars for Scholars 4; Soccer 1; Ultimate Frisbee 1,2,3,4

CHONG YOO Orchestra 1,2; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Swimming 1,2; Track 1,2

B.J. YOUNGSTEADT
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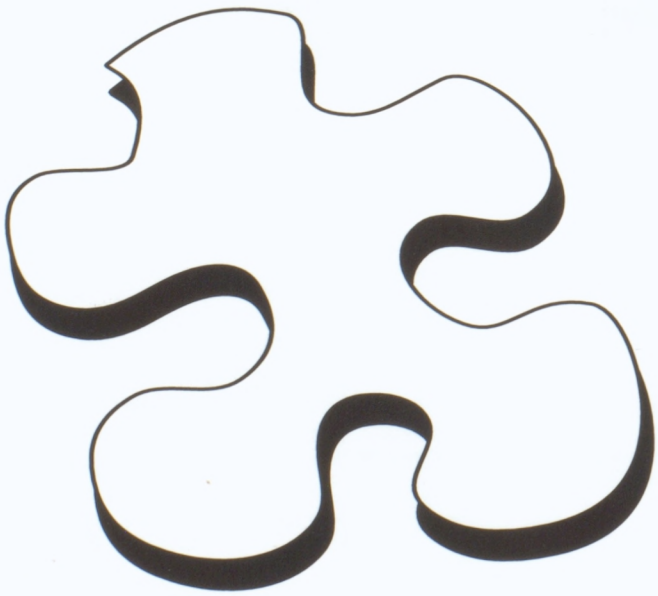
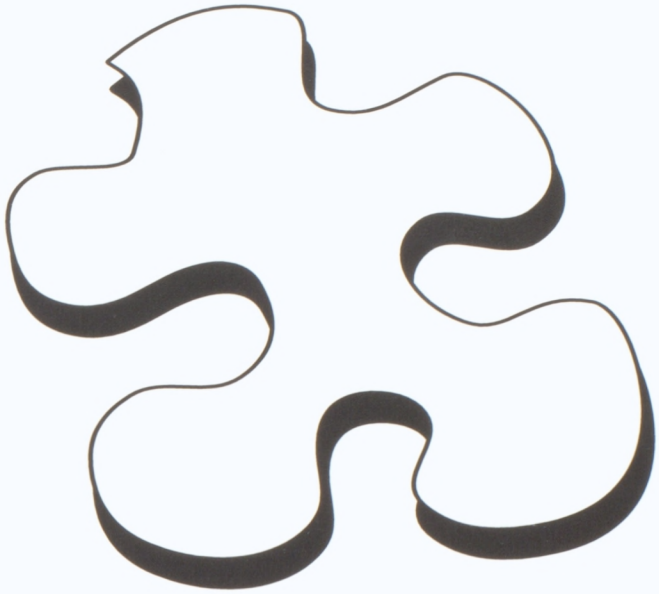
Dear Students,
The words in the index are mixed up for you to figure out. I'll give you a hint, all the words have to deal with life at school. Good Luck if you choose to accept this mission.

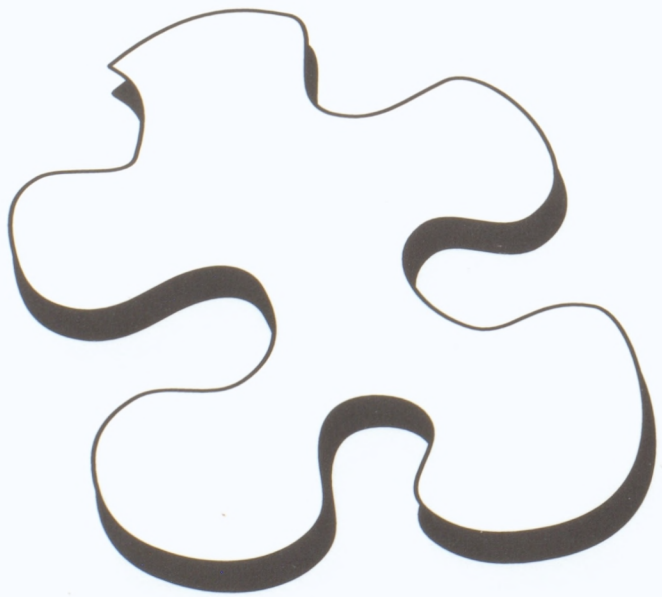
Yours Truly,
The 96-97 Spectrum Staff

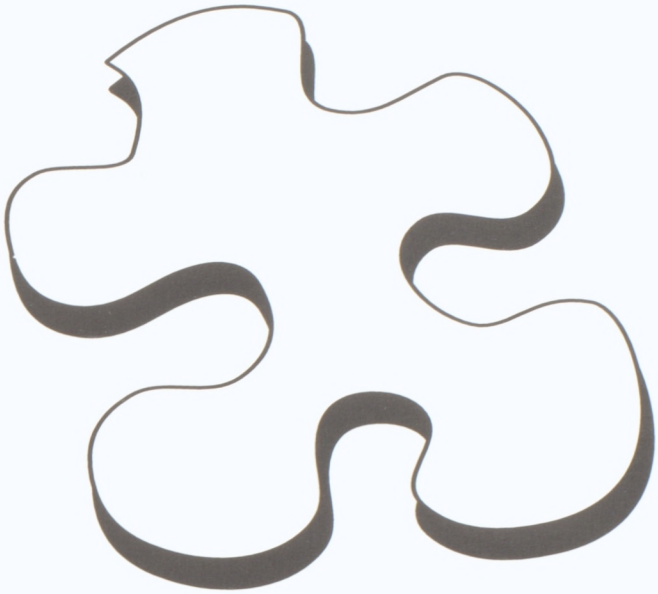
All together now!
The cast of Godspell gathers for a group shot. Godspell was a great hit amoung the student populaton.

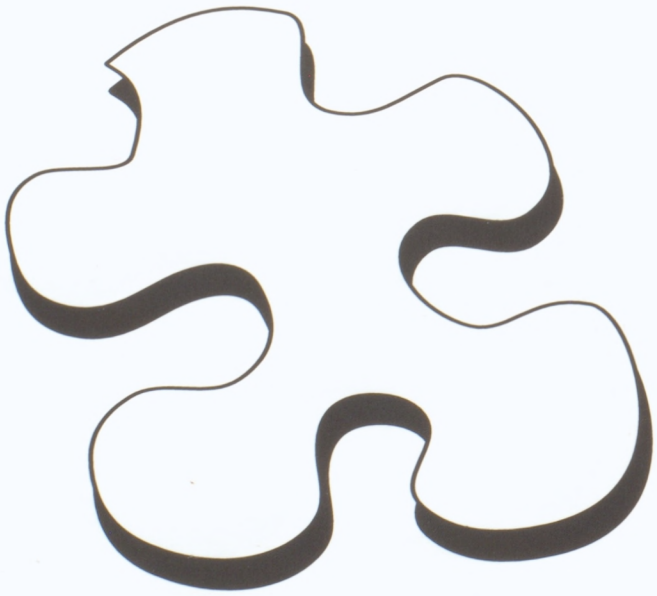
Answer Key: Assignments, Blow-pops, Cropper Deadlines, Economics, Frisbee, Graduation, Homework, Impossible, Jocks, Keepsake, Labs, Mission, Nervousness, Off-Campus, Parking, Quizzes, Reading, Spectrum, Trigonometry, Umbros, Vendi Machine, Work, X-Axis, Yearbook, Zombies

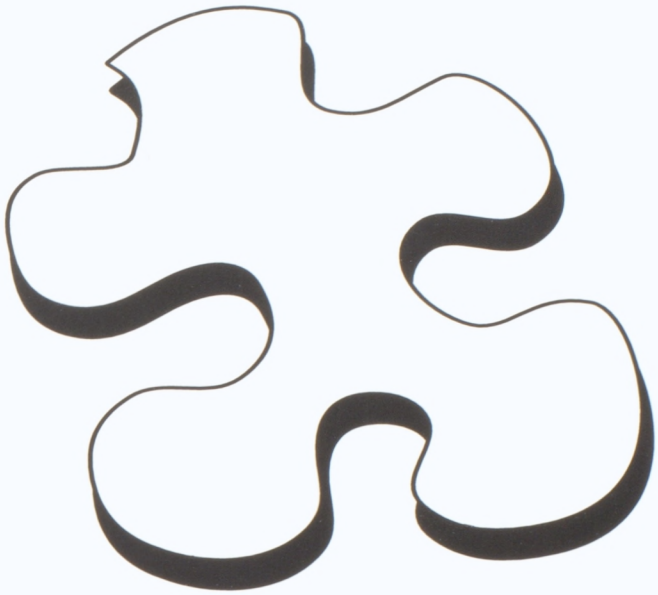


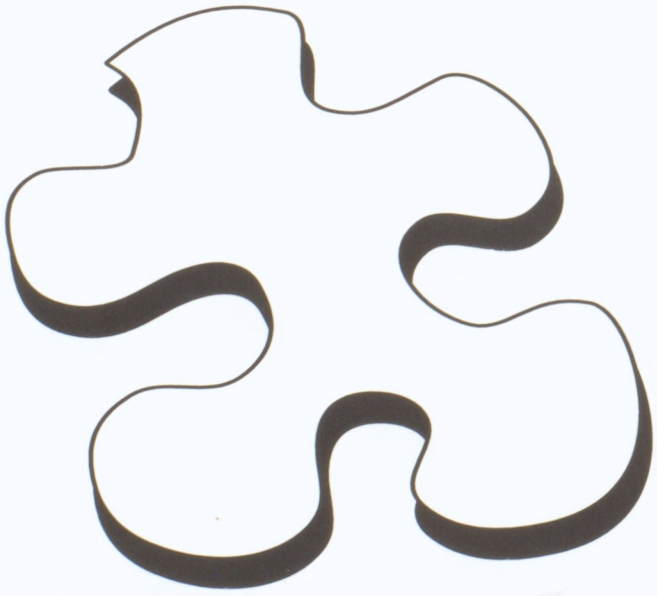


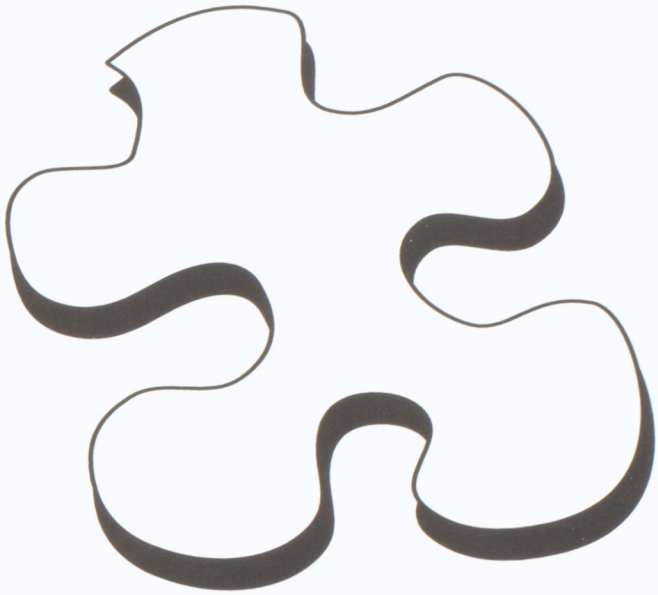


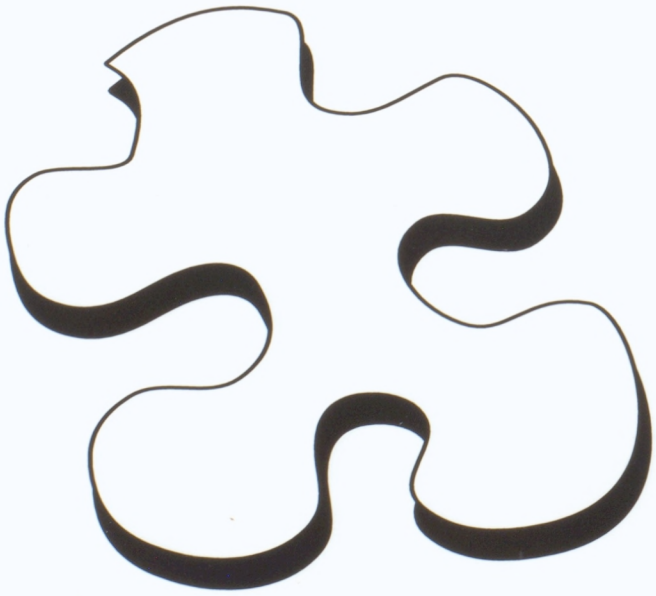












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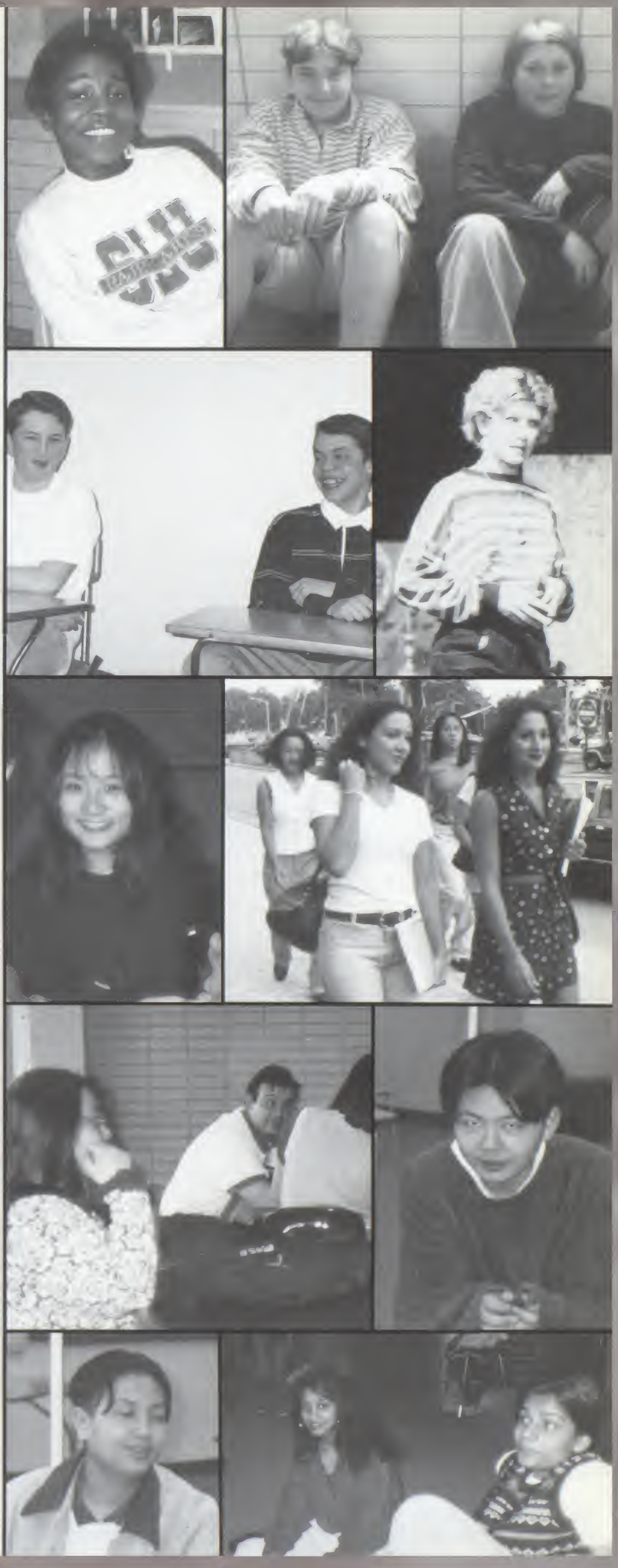

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